RACINE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE
December 7, 2020

Confirmed coronavirus cases
United States: 14,846,645 confirmed, 283,010 deaths
Wisconsin: 414,332 confirmed, 2,202,473 negative, 3,738 deaths
Central Racine County Health Department: 7,664 confirmed (+414 from last week), 975 probable (+140), 54,780 negative (+1,246), 130 deaths (+19)
City of Racine Health Department: 6,209 confirmed (+304 from last week), 665 probable (+47), 39,306 negative (+892), 67 deaths (+12)
Racine County total: 13,873 confirmed (+718 from last week), 1,640 probable (+187), 94,086 negative (+2,138), 197 deaths (+31)

Updates for the week of December 7:

- New **CDC Guidelines** have options for the 14-day quarantine for close contacts to a COVID case to be shortened to 7-10 days. As long as individuals have not had any symptoms, they can end quarantine after 7 days and an approved negative test result, or after 10 days without a test. However, the CDC "gold standard" for quarantine remains 14 days, because the incubation period for COVID-19 is 2-14 days. The Racine County local health departments can help support the 10-day option. However, for the 7-day option, individuals will need to coordinate with their employer or school for early release -- this cannot be facilitated through the local health departments.

   It will be the decision of each employer and school to determine which option they use for quarantine: (1) 14-day quarantine/no testing/no symptoms, (2) 10-day quarantine/no testing/no symptoms/monitor for symptoms days 11-14, or (3) 7-day quarantine/negative approved-test/no symptoms/monitor for symptoms days 8-14. Read more in the *Updated Quarantine Guidelines*.

- If you recently attended a gathering, came in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or are experiencing COVID symptoms, get tested. You can find a list of Wisconsin National Guard testing sites in Racine and Kenosha counties here.
- Over 1,500 people are hospitalized in Wisconsin due to COVID-19, with over 20 percent of those patients in the ICU. Hospitals across the state report 17% of beds available. The alternative care facility at State Fair Park, which serves as an overflow facility for state hospitals, has six patients as of today, Dec. 7.
- The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is offering tips on celebrating holidays safely.

Resources

For Racine County updates on the COVID-19 outbreak, please visit www.racinecounty.com/coronavirus. The City of Racine coronavirus webpage can be found at www.racinecoronavirus.org. The Central Racine County Health Department's COVID-19 page is www.crchd.com/covid-19.

For national information on COVID-19, please go to the Centers for Disease Control's website: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

You can also find current information on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website, which has guidance that is updated regularly for travel, self-quarantine, and school districts, among other important information: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm.

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