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RACINE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE February 15, 2021

Confirmed COVID-19 cases

United States: 27,676,502 confirmed, 486,106 deaths

Wisconsin: 555,708 confirmed, 2,568,204 negative, 6,166 deaths

Central Racine County Health Department: 10,549 confirmed (+54 from last week), 1,617 probable (+25), 62,429 negative (+427), 197 deaths (+2)

City of Racine Health Department: 8,097 confirmed (+42 from last week), 994 probable (+4), 44,668 negative (+399), 110 deaths (+3)

Racine County total: 18,646 confirmed (+96 from last week), 2,611 probable (+29), 107,097 negative (+926), 307 deaths (+5)

Vaccination updates for the week of February 15:

- Populations currently eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine include frontline health care personnel; residents in skilled nursing and long-term care facilities; police, fire personnel, and correctional staff; and adults age 65 and older. **Vaccine supply remains limited in Wisconsin.** As of today, Feb. 15, 19,822 Racine County residents have received at least one dose, and 6,100 residents have completed the vaccine series.
- The Wisconsin Department of Health Services on Feb. 11 announced the launch of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program. For the first week, the federal government directly shipped 17,800 doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to 178 Walgreens locations, including several in Racine County. Those currently eligible to receive the vaccine should visit the [Walgreens website](#) to schedule an appointment.
- **Central Racine County Health Department:** To receive emails with the latest vaccine information, including a link to appointments when they become available, visit <https://crchd.com/covid-19-vaccine> and click the "Vaccine Updates Email Sign Up" button. CRCHD does not yet have the ability to make appointments by phone but is working on this. Please do not call CRCHD for appointments at this time.
- **City of Racine Health Department:** Information about the COVID-19 vaccine can be found online at <https://www.racinecoronavirus.org/racine-covid-19-vaccine>. You may sign up for email updates when appointments are available, as well as find information about other local vaccinators who may have availability. Vaccine allocations continue to be limited, so appointment availability is low.
- **Health care providers** are helping vaccinate those in Phase 1A. *For residents ages 65+ who have a local doctor, your local healthcare provider will be reaching out to you.* Most health care providers are asking their patients to please not call hospitals or their doctor's office to try and schedule a vaccine appointment. You can visit your provider's website for more instructions.
 - [Ascension](#)
 - [Advocate Aurora Health](#)

- [Froedtert](#)
- [ProHealth Care](#)
- **Local pharmacies** are also helping vaccinating.
 - *Good Value Pharmacy:* <https://goodvaluerx.com/retail/vaccinations/>
 - *Lakeview Pharmacy of Racine:* <https://lakeviewpharmacy.com/>
 - *Walmart Pharmacies:* [Administering COVID-19 Vaccines \(walmart.com\)](#)
 - *Pick 'n Save Pharmacies:* <https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine>
 - *Walgreens Pharmacy:* <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19>
- The Wisconsin DHS has released [new vaccine data maps](#).
- On February 12, 2021, Wisconsin Department of Health Services adopted the CDC Public Health [recommendations for vaccinated persons](#). Vaccinated persons with an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet all of the following criteria:
 - Are fully vaccinated (i.e., more than 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or more than 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine) AND
 - Are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series AND
 - Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure

Other COVID-19 updates:

- On February 12, the CDC updated its [school guidance of mitigation strategies to reduce transmission in schools](#): The emphasis remains on five key mitigation strategies: 1) Universal and correct use of masks; 2) physical distancing; 3) handwashing and respiratory etiquette; 4) cleaning and maintaining health facilities; 5) contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the health department. It notes that metrics should inform decision making (community burden and percent positive), guidance may need to be updated due to new variants, families of high-risk students should be given virtual option, and vaccination is not a condition for reopening.
- A second case of new COVID variant strain that spreads more easily was detected in Wisconsin: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/02092021.htm>
- CDC provided new information regarding how [use of tight-fitting masks reduce transmission](#).
- The Wisconsin National Guard is conducting drive-thru COVID-19 testing sites in Racine County at the following locations:
 - Wednesdays through March 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Racine County Fairgrounds, 19805 Durand Ave., Union Grove. Vehicles should enter the fairgrounds from Main Street.
 - Thursdays through March 4, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Festival Hall, 5 Fifth St., Racine. Vehicles should enter at 11th Street and Main Street.
 - Anyone being tested is strongly encouraged to pre-register by visiting <https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov>.
- Health care providers including Ascension, Froedtert and Aurora continue to provide COVID-19 tests by appointment. For more information:
 - Ascension: (833) 981-0711 or choose.ascension.org/onlinecare.
 - Advocate Aurora: (866) 443-2584 or www.advocateaurorahealth.org/coronavirus-disease-2019
 - Froedtert: (414) 805-2000 or www.froedtert.com/telehealth

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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