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## **RACINE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE**

### **March 8, 2021**

#### **Confirmed COVID-19 cases**

United States: 29,021,686 confirmed, 525,399 deaths

Wisconsin: 566,871 confirmed, 2,649,740 negative, 6,481 deaths

Central Racine County Health Department: Data not available due to technical issues with state reporting system

City of Racine Health Department: 8,190 confirmed (+20 from last week), 1,029 probable (+12), 45,860 negative (+380), 112 deaths (+0)

#### **COVID-19 updates for the week of March 8:**

- The last day of the Wisconsin National Guard COVID-19 drive-thru testing site at the Racine County Fairgrounds is Wednesday, March 10. The site will then be discontinued. The testing site at Festival Hall in the City of Racine ended its most recent schedule on Thursday, March 4. Festival Hall will begin testing on Mondays starting March 15 through May 24. Hours for the Festival Hall testing site will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For community testing locations, [call 211](#) or visit the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' [community testing page](#). Health care providers including Ascension, Froedtert and Aurora also continue to provide COVID-19 tests by appointment. For more information:
  - Ascension: (833) 981-0711 or [choose.ascension.org/onlinecare](https://www.choose.ascension.org/onlinecare).
  - Advocate Aurora: (866) 443-2584 or [www.advocateaurorahealth.org/coronavirus-disease-2019](https://www.advocateaurorahealth.org/coronavirus-disease-2019)
  - Froedtert: (414) 805-2000 or [www.froedtert.com/telehealth](https://www.froedtert.com/telehealth)
- The DHS has launched a new hotline for COVID-19 vaccine information, including help with finding and connecting with local vaccine providers and appointment registration. Reach the hotline at 844-684-1064.
- Over 50% of Racine County residents age 65 and older have now received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. As of today, March 8, a total of 32,919 Racine County residents (16.8 percent) have received at least one dose.
- Both local health departments and both major hospital systems in Racine County are helping vaccinate educators and child care workers in the County. Ascension is working in partnership with schools in Eastern Racine County, while Aurora is helping vaccinate teachers in Western Racine County schools.
- The State of Wisconsin expects to receive 47,000 doses of the newest COVID-19 vaccine, from Johnson & Johnson, this week. Johnson & Johnson's vaccine is the first one-dose vaccine in the U.S. deemed safe and effective for the prevention of COVID-19. [Read more.](#)
- Select Kroger stores have begun receiving the COVID-19 vaccine as part of the federal retail pharmacy program. [Read more here.](#)

- The CDC has released [Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#). The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is expected to release their guidance on this topic later this week.
- The CDC has released a new report on [Body Mass Index and Risk for COVID-19 Related Hospitalization](#).
- Vaccine options in Racine County:
  - **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.
  - **City of Racine Health Department:** Information about the COVID-19 vaccine can be found online at [www.racinecoronavirus.org/racine-covid-19-vaccine](http://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.
  - **Health care providers.** 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.**
    - *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>

## Resources

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