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RACINE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE May 17, 2021

COVID-19 cases

United States: 32,957,449 confirmed, 586,157 deaths

Wisconsin: 606,274 confirmed, 2,907,785 negative, 6,958 deaths

Central Racine County Health Department: 13,404 cases (confirmed and probable; +118 from

last week), 71,038 negative (+1,290), 211 deaths (+0)

City of Racine Public Health Department: 10,192 cases (combined confirmed and probable;

+114 from last week), 50,456 negative (+649), 119 deaths (+1)

Racine County total: 23,596 cases (combined confirmed and probable; +232 from last week),

121,494 negative (+1,939), 330 deaths (+1)

Updates for the week of May 17:

- On Thursday, the CDC <u>released updated guidance</u> that fully vaccinated people can
 resume activities they did before the pandemic, including participating in indoor and
 outdoor activities -- large and small -- without wearing a facemask or physically
 distancing. The CDC guidance indicates that mask wearing should continue in health
 care settings, K-12 schools, correctional and detention facilities, homeless shelters and
 public transportation, as well as places where masks are required by federal, state, local,
 tribal, or territorial regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- If you haven't gotten your vaccine yet, there are plenty of options available in Racine County. Find the vaccine provider nearest you by visiting the CDC Vaccine Finder.
- One of the local providers is the community-based clinic at Regency Mall, which is accepting walk-ins and offering the Pfizer vaccine, currently the only vaccine approved for children age 12 to 17. The clinic is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Residents should enter in the southwest entrance next to Planet Fitness. Those under 18 must have a parent or guardian present.
- The Regency Mall clinic is also offering employers and community organizations the
 opportunity to reserve blocks of time for staff, membership and their families to receive
 the vaccine. Businesses or organizations interested should contact the Central Racine
 County or City of Racine Public Health Department for more details. Businesses may be
 eligible for a tax credit for providing paid vaccination leave.
- The Tyler-Domer Community Center in the City of Racine will host a COVID-19 vaccination site on Friday, May 21, and Saturday, May 22 to administer the Pfizer vaccine. Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Those age 12 and older are eligible; minors (under 18 years of age) must have a parent or legal guardian present. Residents must come back to the Tyler-Domer Community Center for second doses on Friday, June 11, or Saturday, June 12, between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The site is open thanks to a partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Wisconsin National Guard.

- As of today, May 17, 81,729 Racine County residents (41.6 percent) have received at least one dose, while 69,474 Racine County residents (35.4 percent) have completed the vaccine series.
- Through May 24, the Wisconsin National Guard is conducting drive-thru COVID-19 testing at Festival Hall in the City of Racine on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Preregister by visiting https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov/en-US/. Health care providers and pharmacies also continue to provide COVID tests. For community testing locations, call-211 or visit the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' community testing page.

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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