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RACINE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

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Overview

Details for the April 7 election remain extremely fluid as activity continues at the state level and courts. Under guidance from the Wisconsin Elections Commission, local clerk's offices are continuing to prepare to hold in-person voting on Tuesday due to the uncertain outcome of possible litigation.

The Racine County Clerk's Office, municipal clerk's offices, and the Racine County Emergency Operations Center have spent the last several weeks putting measures in place to ensure in-person voting is conducted as safely and smoothly as possible. Procedures vary by municipality, but in all cases are geared toward maintaining social distancing and protecting poll workers.

Local officials continue awaiting further guidance from the state regarding next steps.

Confirmed coronavirus cases

United States: 330,891

Wisconsin: 2,440

Central Racine County Health Department jurisdiction: 32 (1 death)

City of Racine Health Department jurisdiction: 33 (1 death)

Racine County total: 65 (2 deaths)

City of Racine Health Department

The City of Racine Health Department jurisdiction is reporting the death of a male in his 70s from complications of coronavirus (COVID-19), the second coronavirus-related death in Racine County.

Racine County

The Racine County Coronavirus homepage has added a new story map on maintaining your mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Check it out and share.](#)

The homepage also has updated sewing instructions for homemade masks and [a map of drop-off locations](#) throughout the County.

Central Racine County Health Department

The [CDC](#) and [Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#) now recommends cloth facemasks for everyone. In light of new data about how COVID-19 spreads, along with evidence of widespread COVID-19 illness in communities across the country, CDC recommends that people wear a cloth face covering to cover their nose and mouth in a community setting. This is to protect people around you if you are infected but do not have symptoms.

You should wear a cloth face cover when you are outside the home conducting essential activities such as going to work, to the grocery store, pharmacy, banking and enjoying outdoor activities while maintaining physical distancing.

Also, if you are sick (have a cough or are sneezing) or have seasonal allergies you need to wear a cloth face cover when around other people to protect them from your sneezes.

There is limited evidence to suggest that use of cloth face coverings by the public during a pandemic could help reduce disease transmission. Their primary role is to reduce the release of infectious particles into the air when someone speaks, coughs, or sneezes, including someone who has COVID-19 but feels well. Cloth face coverings are not a substitute for physical distancing and washing hands and staying home when ill, but they may be helpful when combined with these primary interventions.

CDC report provides a weekly summary and interpretation of key indicators being adapted to track the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States. This includes information related to COVID-19 outpatient visits, emergency department visits, hospitalizations and deaths, as well as laboratory data. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview.html>

Resources

For local updates on the COVID-19 outbreak, please visit www.racinecounty.com/coronavirus.

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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