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## **RACINE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE** **April 14, 2020**

### **Overview**

The United Way of Racine County and the Racine Community Foundation have joined forces to support local nonprofits affected by COVID-19. Visit [www.unitedwayracine.org/community-cares](http://www.unitedwayracine.org/community-cares) to learn how you can support their efforts. Your donation will stay in Racine County and 100% of funds raised will be used to help those impacted by COVID-19 in our County.

### **Number of confirmed coronavirus cases**

United States: 579,005  
Wisconsin: 3,555  
Central Racine County Health Department: 75 (4 deaths)  
City of Racine Health Department: 63 (2 deaths)  
Racine County total: 138 (6 deaths)

### **Central Racine County Health Department**

Guidance has been added to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' [Businesses and Employers](#) page with recommendations on when asymptomatic workers who had contact with a COVID-19 case may return to work.

### **City of Racine Public Health Department**

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services issued a press release today showing that the "Safer at Home" order is working. [Click here](#) for the release. The release states that models predicted Wisconsin would have approximately 22,000 cases of COVID-19 by April 8, with between 440 and 1,500 deaths. In early March, Wisconsin's rate of doubling was about 3.4 days, though this has slowed to about 12 days in recent weeks. Physical distancing and other measures are proving to be successful, according to the release.

The City of Racine has also experienced its first death as result of COVID-19. The death was of a male in his 50s.

After learning of the death, Mayor Mason had this to say: "Today we learned that the City has lost its first resident to coronavirus. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. If we want to honor his life, we all need to follow the Safer at Home order. The best thing we can do to save lives is stay home. Please remember to wash your hands frequently and use social distancing if you are required to go out. If we all take this seriously and follow the guidelines, we will save lives."

### **City of Racine**

The City of Racine Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services has issued an updated list of accessible and closed public recreation areas.

The following City of Racine areas are open with “Safer at Home” distancing guidelines in effect. Gatherings of any number of people not part of a single household/living unit are prohibited and individuals are expected to maintain a distance of 6 ft.

- Lake Michigan Pathway
- Root River Pathway
- Pershing Boat Launch

The following City of Racine areas are closed through May 25, 2020, unless amended by local government. The closures may be extended if public health circumstances require it.

- Parks
- Beaches
- Dog runs & dog parks (Johnson Park, Owen-Davies Park)
- Skate park
- Playground areas/equipment at all parks & community centers
- Pavilions
- Athletic fields (diamonds, football, soccer) and courts (basketball, tennis, pickle ball, volleyball)
- Golf courses
- Community centers
- Parking lots at Johnson Park Dog Run, Lakeview Park, North Beach Park, Pugh & Rooney Parks, Lockwood Park

Questions may be directed to the PRCS office at (262) 636-9131 or [prcs@cityofracine.org](mailto:prcs@cityofracine.org). Visit & follow PRCS at [www.facebook.com/RPRCS/](https://www.facebook.com/RPRCS/) for up to date information.

### **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).

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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