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RACINE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE May 5, 2020

Confirmed coronavirus cases

United States: 1,192,027

Wisconsin: 8,566

Central Racine County Health Department: 210 confirmed (plus 63 probable); 10 deaths

City of Racine Public Health Department: 346 confirmed (plus 67 probable); 5 deaths

Racine County total: 556 confirmed (plus 130 probable); 15 deaths

Note: Probable cases are symptomatic individuals who have not been tested but are presumed positive because they had direct contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, or whose COVID-19 test results were inconclusive.

Central Racine County and City of Racine Health Departments

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) along with the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) launched hospital gating criteria as part of the state's "Badger Bounce Back" Plan. The criteria, developed with input from the Wisconsin Hospital Association and the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative, sets hospital metrics to be able to move into Phase 1 of the Badger Bounce Back Plan.

DHS has also developed several new personal protective equipment (PPE) resource documents. These one-pagers provide recommendations on how to use and conserve PPE and are titled:

- Delivery Drivers
- Home and Community Based Service Providers
- Recipients of Home and Community Based Services
- In-Home Visits for Social Workers
- Providers of Transportation Services

There is still uncertainty surrounding pets and COVID-19. CDC continues to recommend that people with COVID-19 isolate themselves from other people and animals, including pets, during their illness until we know more about how this virus affects animals. When possible, have another member of your household care for your pets while you are sick. Avoid contact with your pet, including petting, snuggling, being kissed/licked, and sharing food or bedding. If you must care for your pet or be around animals while sick, wear a cloth face covering or face mask and wash your hands before and after you interact with them.

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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