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RACINE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE May 8, 2020

Confirmed coronavirus cases

United States: 1,271,775

Wisconsin: 9,590

Central Racine County Health Department: 246 confirmed (plus 87 probable); 11 deaths City of Racine Public Health Department: 426 confirmed (plus 73 probable); 5 deaths

Racine County total: 672 confirmed (plus 160 probable); 16 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 Central Racine County Health Department and the Racine County Emergency Operations Center are partnering with the Wisconsin National Guard to open a five-day surge COVID-19 testing site to meet testing demand in Racine County as well as in surrounding counties and health department jurisdictions. <u>Click here for more information</u>. Additional testing opportunities are being planned for Racine County, with details to be released as they are available.

Racine County

County Executive Jonathan Delagrave today extended the state of emergency in Racine County in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. This is a procedural step aimed at maintaining continuity of County government operations and positioning Racine County for state and federal resources. Note that this declaration extension is not related to the state Safer at Home order or coronavirus-related restrictions. Rather, it is necessary to allow County government to use its full resources to meet community needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Read more here.

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.