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RACINE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE December 14, 2020

Confirmed coronavirus cases

United States: 16,351,259 confirmed, 299,889 deaths

Wisconsin: 438,895 confirmed, 2,255,994 negative, 4,068 deaths

Central Racine County Health Department: 8,203 confirmed (+539 from last week), 1,023 probable (+148), 56,221 negative (+1,441), 142 deaths (+12)

City of Racine Health Department: 6,553 confirmed (+344 from last week), 711 probable (+46), 40,344 negative (+1,038), 80 deaths (+13)

Racine County total: 14,756 confirmed (+883 from last week), 1,734 probable (+194), 96,565 negative (+2,479), 222 deaths (+25)

Updates for the week of December 14:

- The first COVID-19 vaccinations in the United States were administered today -- a significant milestone after the extraordinarily challenging last nine months. The Central Racine County and City of Racine Public Health Departments, along with the Racine County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), are preparing for COVID-19 vaccinations in coordination with other local partners. Local officials are urging residents to remain patient and continue to follow all public health measures to slow further COVID-19 transmission until the vaccine is widely distributed. [Read more in a press release issued Friday, December 11.](#)
- While the most recent schedule of Wisconsin National Guard drive-thru testing has expired, the Guard is expected to maintain a presence in Racine County for testing, and both the Central Racine County and City of Racine Health Departments are working through details. The onset of winter weather brings new logistical challenges for drive-thru testing, particularly with finding locations for testing that meet the new State requirements to ensure the safety and welfare of the National Guard. We hope to release updated information soon.
- Residents who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, were in close contact with someone sick with COVID-19, or who recently attended a gathering are encouraged to get tested by contacting their health care provider or by visiting <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community-testing.htm> or [Impact 2-1-1](#) for community testing sites.
- Over 1,400 residents are currently hospitalized in Wisconsin due to COVID-19, with over 20 percent of those patients in the ICU. Hospitals across the state report 18% of beds available. The alternative care facility at State Fair Park, which serves as an overflow facility for state hospitals, has six patients as of today, Dec. 14.

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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