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# RACINE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE February 8, 2021

### **Confirmed COVID-19 cases**

United States: 27,057,411 confirmed, 464,372 deaths Wisconsin: 550,369 confirmed, 2,538,097 negative, 6,055 deaths Central Racine County Health Department: 10,495 confirmed (+118 from last week), 1,592 probable (+29), 62,002 negative (+749), 195 deaths (+2) City of Racine Health Department: 8,055 confirmed (+79 from last week), 990 probable (+3), 44,269 negative (+388), 107 deaths (+5) Racine County total: 18,550 confirmed (+197 from last week), 2,582 probable (+32), 106,271 negative (+1,137), 302 deaths (+7)

## Vaccination updates for the week of February 8:

- Currently those in Phase 1A (frontline health care workers, EMS, fire and police personnel) and residents ages 65+ are eligible for vaccinations. **Vaccine supply remains limited in Wisconsin.** As of Feb. 8, 2021, 19,488 COVID-19 vaccinations have been administered to Racine County residents.
- The federal government is slowly rolling out the <u>Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for</u> <u>COVID-19 Vaccination</u>, a collaboration between the federal government, states and territories, and 21 national pharmacy partners and independent pharmacy networks. The program aims to increase access to COVID-19 vaccine across the country and represents one component of the federal strategy to expand access to vaccines for the public.
- <u>Central Racine County Health Department:</u> This week CRCHD is receiving 30 percent of its requested vaccine. *This means there will be limited vaccine appointments this week*.
  - To receive emails with the latest vaccine information, including a link to appointments when they become available, visit <u>https://crchd.com/covid-19-vaccine</u> and click the "Vaccine Updates Email Sign Up" button.
  - CRCHD does not yet have the ability to make appointments by phone but is working on this. Please do not call CRCHD for appointments at this time.
- <u>City of Racine Public Health Department:</u>
  - Vaccine allocations continue to be minimal. The City of Racine Public Health Department was able to offer a limited number of first dose appointments this week, in addition to continuing to provide the 2nd dose to prior clients.
  - All individuals looking for vaccine updates, including upcoming clinics, should visit <u>https://www.racinecoronavirus.org/racine-covid-19-vaccine/</u>.
- <u>Health care providers</u> are helping vaccinate those in Phase 1A. For residents ages 65+ who have a local doctor, your local healthcare provider will be reaching out to you. Most

health care providers are asking their patients to please <u>not</u> call hospitals or their doctor's office to try and schedule a vaccine appointment. You can visit your provider's website for more instructions.

- o <u>Ascension</u>
- o <u>Advocate Aurora Health</u>
- o <u>Froedtert</u>
- o ProHealth Care
- Local pharmacies are either gearing up to vaccinate or have begun vaccinating.
  - Good Value Pharmacy: <u>https://goodvaluerx.com/retail/vaccinations/</u>
  - Lakeview Pharmacy of Racine: <u>https://lakeviewpharmacy.com/</u>
  - Walmart Pharmacies: <u>Administering COVID-19 Vaccines (walmart.com)</u>
  - Pick 'n Save Pharmacies: <u>https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine</u>
- Wisconsin Department of Health Services vaccine information: <u>https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine.htm</u>

#### Testing updates:

- This week, the minimum age for those being tested was changed from 5 years old to 1 years old.
- The Wisconsin National Guard is conducting drive-thru COVID-19 testing sites in Racine County at the following locations:
  - Wednesdays through March 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Racine County Fairgrounds, 19805 Durand Ave., Union Grove. Vehicles should enter the fairgrounds from Main Street.
  - Thursdays through March 4, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Festival Hall, 5 Fifth St., Racine. Vehicles should enter at 11th Street and Main Street.
  - Anyone being tested is strongly encouraged to pre-register by visiting <u>https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov</u>.
- Health care providers including Ascension, Froedtert and Aurora continue to provide COVID-19 tests by appointment. For more information:
  - Ascension: (833) 981-0711 or choose.ascension.org/onlinecare.
  - Advocate Aurora: (866) 443-2584 or www.advocateaurorahealth.org/coronavirusdisease-2019
  - Froedtert: (414) 805-2000 or <u>www.froedtert.com/telehealth</u>

#### Resources

For Racine County updates on the COVID-19 outbreak, please visit <u>www.racinecounty.com/coronavirus</u>. The City of Racine coronavirus webpage can be found at <u>www.racinecoronavirus.org</u>. The Central Racine County Health Department's COVID-19 page is <u>www.crchd.com/covid-19</u>.

For national information on COVID-19, please go to the Centers for Disease Control's website: <u>www.cdc.gov/coronavirus</u>.

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: <u>https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm</u>.