



SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

Division of Public Health
Health and Human Services Department



Sheboygan County COVID19 Status Update

DATE: 3/13/2020

Sheboygan County Local Risk Level: **LOW**

Current Situation Update

Wisconsin Confirmed Case Count	11
Sheboygan County Confirmed Case Count	3

Case Updates and Monitoring

Wisconsin State Cases:

- One case from WI is no longer ill or shedding the virus.
- Seven cases got the virus from traveling domestically or internationally.
- Two cases in Dane County got the virus from being exposed to positive COVID-19 cases.
- State and local health departments are conducting contact investigations with those who may have been exposed to the confirmed cases.
- Exposed individuals are being monitored for signs and symptoms of illness.

Sheboygan Case Updates:

- All Sheboygan County cases got the virus from traveling internationally.
- There has been no known local transmission within Sheboygan County.
- Sheboygan County Division of Public Health is in regular communication with healthcare providers and will provide updates should Sheboygan County case counts begin to change.
- Sheboygan County DPH works closely with the State of WI DHS in conjunction with the CDC to ensure appropriate measures are in place to prepare our community for COVID-19 should we see cases.

Wisconsin State Situational Update: Yesterday March 12th, 2020, [Gov. Evers declared a public health emergency](#) and directed the Department of Health Services (DHS) to use all resources necessary to respond to and contain the outbreak. See the [Facebook Live press conference](#) . In response, DHS recommends limiting all nonessential gatherings over 250 people in order to reduce close contact and



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slow the spread of COVID-19. DHS also released recommendations for domestic and international travel (highlighted below), and will soon be releasing updated guidance for long term care facilities. All of this guidance will be available on [DHS](#) and [Sheboygan County's website](#).

Recommended Action for Residents

PREVENTION: To prevent illness and spread—Residents should follow simple steps to avoid getting sick, including--

- Wash your hands
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Stay home when you are sick.

SOCIAL DISTANCING:

- DHS recommends limiting all nonessential gatherings of over 250 people in order to reduce close contact and slow the spread of COVID-19.
- Current recommendations related to social distancing and gatherings can be found [at this link](#).

IF YOU ARE ILL:

- If you have traveled to an at-risk location (see Travel Considerations) or been in contact with someone who is known to have COVID-19 and you have symptoms, like fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, you should contact your health care provider for possible testing and stay home.
- People should call ahead before arriving at a health care facility for testing.

DO I NEED TO BE TESTED?

- Clinicians are using their judgment to determine if a patient has signs and symptoms compatible with COVID-19 and whether the patient should be tested. Most patients with confirmed COVID-19 have developed fever and/or symptoms of acute respiratory illness (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing).
- **Priorities for testing may include:**
 - Hospitalized patients who have signs and symptoms compatible with COVID-19 in order to inform decisions related to infection control.
 - Other symptomatic individuals such as, older adults (age \geq 65 years) and individuals with chronic medical conditions, and/or an immunocompromised state that may put them at higher risk for poor outcomes (e.g., diabetes, heart disease, receiving immunosuppressive medications, chronic lung disease, chronic kidney disease).



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- Any persons, including health care personnel, who within 14 days of symptom onset had close contact with a suspect or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patient, or who have a history of travel from high risk geographic areas within 14 days of their symptom onset. Testing should be considered for individuals in these groups even if symptoms are mild (e.g. sore throat).

Travel Considerations--

International Travel:

- Avoid all nonessential travel to China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea (Level 3 Travel Notice)
- Older adults and those with chronic conditions avoid travel to Japan (Level 2 Travel Notice)
- Travelers practice normal precautions (avoiding contact with sick people, avoiding touching eyes, nose or mouth, etc.) when traveling to Hong Kong (Level 1 Travel Notice)
- Defer all cruise ship travel worldwide, especially travelers with underlying health conditions
- Older adults and travelers with underlying health issues should avoid situations that put them at increased risk for more severe disease, such as non-essential travel and long plane trips.

Domestic Travel:

- DHS recommends against all non-essential travel to any U.S. state where the CDC deems there is “sustained community transmission” of COVID-19. As of March 11, 2020, the CDC has determined sustained community transmission is occurring in the states of California, New York, and Washington. This situation is rapidly evolving, and travelers should refer to [this list](#) for the most current list of states with sustained community transmission (click the + sign under the map).
- For all travelers returning to Wisconsin from U.S. states where the CDC has determined that sustained community transmission is occurring, DHS recommends that those individuals self-quarantine at home for 14 days and monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. [Instructions on how to self-quarantine and self-monitor for symptoms.](#)

Those concerned about travel should monitor the DHS and [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) websites](#) for the latest information on travel concerns related to COVID-19

Local Response Updates:

- Public Health is identifying and contacting anyone who has been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19. These people are asked to quarantine themselves for 14 days from their exposure and will be monitored for fever and respiratory symptoms.



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- Public Health and Emergency Management are convening a panel of key health care providers and other stakeholders from the city and county to ensure a coordinated multi-agency response as the situation evolves.
- Working with healthcare systems to confirm process for local COVID-19 testing should it be needed.
- Providing resources and consultation to schools, long term care and businesses to help prepare the community to respond to possible COVID-19 concerns.

Community Closures, Restrictions and Cancelations:

- Sheboygan County Public Health is working to compile a list of community closures, restrictions, cancelations, etc. You can find a [list of our communities closures, restrictions and cancelations here](#).
- If your organization has closures, restrictions or cancelations to report or share with the community please email the public health email at public.health@sheboygancounty.com and we will post on our county website as updates come in.

Additional Resources:

[Center for Disease Control COVID19 Resource Page](#)

[WI Department of Health and Human Services](#)

Please watch for our local community updates through our [public health email](#), our [website](#), and [Facebook](#). If you have any immediate questions, please call 211 for general inquiries or contact the Sheboygan County Division of Public Health during business hours (Monday-Friday; 8:00 am - 5:00 pm) at 920-459-0321.