



SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

Division of Public Health
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Sheboygan County COVID19 Status Update

DATE: 3/17/2020, 4:00pm CST

****UPDATE: State of WI is now experiencing community spread.**

Current Situation Update

Wisconsin Confirmed Case Count	72*
Sheboygan County Confirmed Case Count	4

**WI Confirmed Case Count as of 2pm 3/17/2020*

Case Updates and Monitoring:

Wisconsin State Cases:

- Information on most up to date case counts statewide can be found [here](#).
- ****We have evidence of community spread in Milwaukee, Dane, and Kenosha counties. This means that there are people who have tested positive, and it is unknown what their exposures have been. They have had no exposures to a known case and have not traveled to a location where there is community transmission.**
- 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:

- 1 additional confirmed case of COVID-19 has been reported on March 17th bringing our total to 4. This new confirmed case was a contact with a known case.
- 3 confirmed cases got the virus from traveling internationally.
- 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 additional cases.



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Public Health 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.

Available Health Systems Updates:

- **HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital and Prevea Health:** Please do NOT show up at the HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital Emergency Department or Prevea Health centers to be tested for novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Only those who are critically ill should come to the HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital Emergency Department. Please utilize Prevea Virtual Care's free COVID-19 assessment to determine if you need to be tested for COVID-19: prevea.com/virtualcare
- **Lakeshore Community Health Care Sheboygan:** If you have a fever, cough or shortness of breath please call us before coming to the clinic. LCHC is also screening dental and behavioral health patients when confirming their appointments.
- **Ascension Medical Group:** Marsho Clinic and Ascension Medical Group in Plymouth are not offering Coronavirus testing at this time. Patients are being screened and triaged via a phone call. Our clinic phone numbers are 920-457-4438 in Sheboygan and 920-892-4311 in Plymouth.

Local Joint Response Updates:

- Public Health and Emergency Management has convened 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.
- Providing resources and consultation to schools, long term care and businesses to help prepare the community to respond to possible COVID-19 concerns.

Schools, Businesses and Long-Term Care Updates:

- Please refer to the specific school district/system, long term care facility, business and/or organization's website and contact information for the most up to date information.

Community Closures, Restrictions and Cancelations:

- Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 5:00 PM Governor Tony Evers directs that all public and private mass gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited in the State of Wisconsin.
- Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 5:00 PM Governor Tony Evers directs all bars and restaurants to close in the State of Wisconsin, except for take-outs and deliveries.



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- Effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 5:00 PM Governor Tony Evers directs all public and private schools and institutions of higher education in the State of Wisconsin to close for instructional and extracurricular activities.
- Sheboygan County Division of 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.

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
- Practice vigilant social distancing

SOCIAL DISTANCING:

- [Governor Tony Evers, has ordered a statewide moratorium on mass gatherings of 10 or more people to prevent 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.

WI State Update on Testing:

- 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.
- **Priorities for testing statement from WI State Lab:** “We will be prioritizing testing for COVID-19 because of a shortage of ingredients needed to run the tests. Many states across the country are grappling with this same problem. We have been working with partners in the private sector and public universities to try to get the ingredients needed to run these tests. We are working with our partners to ensure that we can continue to run testing.”



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Travel Considerations:

International Travel:

- Avoid all nonessential travel to [Level 3 Travel Notices](#)
- Older adults and those with chronic conditions avoid all nonessential travel
- Travelers should practice normal precautions (avoiding contact with sick people, avoiding touching eyes, nose or mouth, etc.) when traveling
- CDC and DHS recommend that all travelers, particularly those with underlying health conditions, defer all cruise ship travel worldwide.
- Older adults and travelers with underlying health issues should avoid situations that put them at increased risk for more severe disease, such as nonessential travel such as long plane trips, and cruise ships.
- If you were on a cruise in Egypt and you have symptoms like fever or respiratory illness, call your provider to be tested and quarantine at home immediately.
- If you were on a cruise in Egypt and do not have symptoms, call your local health department and quarantine at home immediately.
- If you have been in close contact with someone who has been on a cruise in Egypt and is ill, you also need to quarantine at home and inform your local health department.

Domestic Travel:

- DHS recommends against all nonessential travel to any U.S. state where the CDC deems there is “community transmission” of COVID-19. This situation is rapidly evolving, and travelers should refer to [this list](#) for the most current list of states with community transmission.
- 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 (including fever and cough). [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



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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.