



# SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

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## Sheboygan County COVID19 Status Update

DATE: 3/22/2020, 2:00pm CST

*\*\*We will be providing these updates daily by 3pm.*

### Current Situation Update\*

Wisconsin Confirmed Case Count	381
Sheboygan County Total Confirmed Case Count	6
Sheboygan County <b>ACTIVE</b> Cases	4
Sheboygan County <b>RECOVERED</b> Cases	2

*\*Confirmed Case Counts as of 2pm 3/22/2020*

### Case Updates and Monitoring:

#### Wisconsin State Cases:

- Information on most up to date case counts statewide can be found [here](#).
- The state of WI is now experiencing community spread.
- 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:

- Sheboygan County currently has 6 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Of those, 2 cases have recovered and are longer ill. The remaining 4 active cases are currently in home isolation and are being closely monitored by Public Health.
- **Active cases** are defined as those individuals who are currently ill and requiring medical care or are in isolation.
- **Recovered cases** are defined as confirmed cases where at least 3 days/72 hours have passed since recovery, defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms, **AND** at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- 3 confirmed cases got the virus from traveling internationally. 3 additional cases are known contacts to an existing positive case.



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- 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.

## Highlights of what is NEW in Today's Update

- Sheboygan Case Counts-- Now include Active and Recovered counts
  - Definition of Active VS Recovered in case update section
- Today's Key Community Prevention Messaging-- Resource for Rumor Control
- Health Systems Updates Section
  - Sheboygan Pediatrics request for parents/guardians attending visits
- Additional Resources Section
  - DHS and CDC posters in Spanish and Hmong

*Updated information is denoted by a \*\* prior to the bullet in the report below*

## TODAY'S KEY COMMUNITY PREVENTION MESSAGING:

**\*\***Due to the large amount of speculation regarding COVID-19, this is a reminder to rely on OFFICIAL sources for accurate information. Help control the spread of rumors by monitoring this page: [fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control](https://fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control)

Younger people, and particularly those who are 18 to 30 years old, aren't immune to COVID-19. Anyone can contract COVID-19. So it's important for everyone, including young and healthy people, to practice social distancing.

Together we can make a difference in the fight against COVID-19.

- Stay home if you can and especially if you are sick.
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly.
- Practice social distancing. Please keep six feet between people and avoid direct physical contact.

We all need to work together to flatten the curve and protect the capacity of the health care system to serve those who will suffer with the most severe disease from COVID-19.



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## **Sheboygan County Government Update:**

- Following suit with the State and Federal Government, on March 17th, 2020 the Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution declaring a Sheboygan County [State of Emergency](#). This empowers the Sheboygan County Board Chairman and County Administrator to allocate resources as needed in response to this public health crisis.

## **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.

## **Health Systems Updates:**

- **HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital and Prevea Health:**
  - Testing requires authorization.
  - 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](https://prevea.com/virtualcare)
  - [Please see our new visitation restrictions for HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital.](#)
- **Advocate Aurora Health:**
  - Testing requires authorization.
  - Call 866-443-2584 if you think you've been exposed to COVID-19, are experiencing symptoms or need to learn more about testing.
  - From there, you may be referred to a testing location.
- **Ascension Medical Group:**
  - Marsho Clinic and Ascension Medical Group in Plymouth are not offering Coronavirus testing at this time.
  - Patients seeking an appointment are encouraged to use [www.ascensiononlinecare.org](https://www.ascensiononlinecare.org) for an appointment now.
  - Patients may also call our clinics with coronavirus questions or symptoms. In Sheboygan call 920-457-4438. In Plymouth call 920-892-4311. Ascension Wisconsin's toll free number is 1-833-981-0711



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- **Lakeshore Community Health Care Sheboygan:**
  - [Lakeshore Community Health Care \(LCHC\)](#) is rescheduling all non-essential appointments, including wellness medical visits, routine dental care and mental health therapy sessions.
  - Emergency dental care and essential medical and mental health services will continue uninterrupted, call 920-783-6633 to schedule an appointment.
  - Symptomatic patients are asked to call before coming to the clinic.
  - Everyone entering LCHC's facilities will have their temperature checked and be asked screening questions per the CDC's guidelines.
  - The organization is not currently capable of testing for COVID-19.
- **Health and Human Services:**
  - Health and Human Services Division of Public Health is NOT providing testing.
  - Do not come to Health and Human Services if you are ill.
- **Sheboygan Pediatrics Association:**
  - All calls are being screened before an appointment is made.
  - Anyone that has travelled or had direct contact with a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19, has a fever or cough is being asked to stay home.
  - We continue to see well child visits to keep patients up to date with vaccines.
  - **\*\***We are asking that only one (1) parent or guardian bring in a patient leaving other family members at home, if at all possible.
  - **\*\***SPA is currently seeing most well visits in the morning and sick patients in the afternoon, when possible, in designated well and sick exam rooms
  - Sheboygan Pediatrics is not providing COVID-19 testing.
  - The clinic phone number is 920-458-3331.

## **Emergency Response Update:**

- EMS does not conduct COVID-19 testing.
- EMS should be reserved for those who are critically ill. It is not appropriate to request EMS to transport you to or from a testing site.
- Dispatch Center has implemented new guidelines for screening EMS calls to keep first responders and the community safe.

## **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.



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## **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.
- [Clarification](#) pertaining to Governor Evers Emergency Order #5-Prohibiting Mass Gatherings
- Large and Small Business [resources and information on programs](#).

## **Employee and Employer Guidance:**

- [Travel Recommendations](#)
- [Sheboygan County Memo](#): Re: Sheboygan County Division of Public Health Process for Issuing Certificates and Verification to Employers Regarding Return to Work during COVID19 Response

## **Community Closures, Restrictions and Cancelations:**

- When Governor Evers was asked about the possibility of a [statewide quarantine/shelter in place order](#), his response was: "We will follow the science on that and we don't anticipate doing that. We do believe that people are going to be moderating their behavior and will continue to do that."
- 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.
- Effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 5:00 PM Governor Tony Evers directs all public and private schools in the State of Wisconsin to close for instructional and extracurricular activities.
- [Effective Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 8:00 AM](#) Governor Tony Evers directs Child Care Centers may not operate with more than 10 staff present at a time and may not operate with more than 50 children present at a time.
- [Effective Friday, March 20th, 2020 at 5:00 PM Governor Evers Updated the Mass Gathering Ban](#)
- 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](mailto: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--



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- 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](#)
  - All gatherings that bring together or are likely to bring together less than 10 people in a single room or confined or enclosed space at the same time must:
    - Preserve social distancing of 6 feet between people.
    - Follow all other public health recommendations issued by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Centers for Disease Control.
- Current recommendations related to social distancing and gatherings can be found [at this link](#) and include:
  - Stay home when you can
  - Stay at least 6 feet away from others
  - Avoid travel
  - Avoid gatherings of 10 or more people
  - Avoid contact with people that are sick
  - Stay home if you are sick

## **IF YOU ARE ILL:**

- If you have a fever and/or acute respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, fever), you should self-quarantine for 14 days after illness onset, and 72 hours without symptoms.
- Individuals should seek care if their symptoms become severe.
- Individuals should call ahead to their health provider when possible.
- Individuals with symptoms who are not able to be tested should isolate themselves from household and intimate contacts as much as possible.

## **WI State Update on Testing:**

- The Wisconsin Department of Health Services issued [new guidance regarding testing](#) on March 17.
- With an increased demand for COVID-19 tests and the limited capacity of testing, the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) and the Milwaukee Health Department Laboratory (MHDL) will prioritize testing for high priority specimens which includes tier 1 and tier 2 individuals.
- At this time WSLH and MHDL are directing local healthcare partners to try to identify other laboratories that can test tier 3 and tier 4 individuals specimens'.
- **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



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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.”

## **Travel Considerations:**

- [CDC has released new information in regards to domestic and international travelers.](#)
- At this time, all travelers returning to Wisconsin from domestic or international locations should monitor their health and practice social distancing.
- If you are returning from a country with a [Level 3 Travel Health Notice](#), it is recommended that you complete a 14-day self-quarantine and monitor your symptoms and you should contact your healthcare provider by phone first if you become symptomatic.

## **Additional Resources:**

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

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

[Wisconsin COVID-19 Website](#)

\*\*DHS--Mass Gathering Guidance--[English](#), [Spanish](#), [Hmong](#)

\*\*DHS--Protect Your family--[English](#), [Spanish](#), [Hmong](#)

\*\*DHS--Why Social Distancing?--[English](#), [Spanish](#), [Hmong](#)

\*\*CDC--What to do if you are sick--[English](#), [Spanish](#)

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.