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Sheboygan County COVID19 Status Update

DATE: 3/25/2020, 3:00pm CST

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

Current Situation Update*

Wisconsin Confirmed Case Count	585
Sheboygan County Total Confirmed Case Count	7
Sheboygan County ACTIVE Cases	5
Sheboygan County RECOVERED Cases	2
Sheboygan County Negative Tests Reported to Public Health	61

**Confirmed Case Counts as of 2pm 3/25/2020*

Case Updates and Monitoring:

Wisconsin State Cases:

- Information on most up to date case counts statewide can be found [here](#).
- 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 7 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Of those, 2 cases have recovered and are no longer ill. 5 of the active cases are currently in home isolation and are being closely monitored by Public Health.
- 3 confirmed cases got the virus from traveling internationally. 3 cases are known contacts to an existing positive case. 1 case has no known contact with the existing cases. This indicates community spread.
- **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.
- **Negative Tests** are defined as a COVID-19 test with a negative result that was reported to Public Health. For information on testing, see WI testing priorities and procedures section.



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Highlights of what is NEW in Today's Update

- Sheboygan Case Counts
- Key Community Prevention Message
- Health Systems Updates
 - Sheboygan Internal Medicine
- Emergency Responder Section
 - Sheboygan County Law Enforcement Press Release regarding "Safer at Home"
- Employer and Employee Guidance Section
 - Essential Workforce FAQ Link
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*Updated information is denoted by a ** prior to the bullet in the report below*

TODAY'S KEY COMMUNITY PREVENTION MESSAGING:

YOU ARE SAFER AT HOME.

We all need to work together and stay home. This will help us 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. Keeping our healthcare system from becoming overwhelmed so it can care for us during this epidemic is our number one priority.

The only tool we have to stem the tide of COVID-19 is physical separation from each other. We have to stop this virus from spreading further.

You are not alone!

The COVID-19 pandemic, and the resulting changes to our lifestyles, can make anyone anxious or even depressed. Do not hesitate to ask for help if you're feeling overwhelmed. Call 800-985-5990 to speak to a trained crisis counselor or text TalkWithUS to 66747.

While you may not be able to be in the same room with your support system, you can still call or video chat with them.



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ALERTS-- Immediate News Release on CodeRED:

- The Sheboygan County Emergency Notification System, CodeRED, will be tested during the afternoon of Thursday, March 26th to validate telephone numbers in the Sheboygan County database. [Click here for more information.](#)

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.
- Sheboygan County Government will remain open with limited access to provide essential services. For more information on a specific area of responsibility and county department, please see the procedures, visitation restrictions and guidance visit: <https://www.sheboygancounty.com/home/showdocument?id=12227>

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.

Drive-Through Testing:

Drive-through testing sites are currently **NOT open to the public and are **ONLY** for patients who have a **provider testing order**.**

- **Prevea/HSHS St. Nicholas :**
 - Prevea drive through COVID-19 testing is now available at the Prevea St. Nicholas Medical Office Building located on the campus of HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital.
 - This is **NOT a public testing site** and is **ONLY** for those patients who have a *provider testing order*.
- **Ascension Medical Group:**
 - Drive through testing is now available at numerous locations around the state, **ONLY upon the order of a physician**.
 - Patients in Sheboygan County will be directed to our Grafton, WI testing location.
 - Patients seeking an appointment are encouraged to use www.ascensiononlinecare.org for an appointment now.



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- 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.

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
 - [Please see our new visitation restrictions for HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital.](#)
 - Please see the above section for information on drive-thru testing.
- **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:**
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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.



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- The organization is not currently capable of testing for COVID-19.
- **Health and Human Services Division of Public Health:**
 - 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:**
 - 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.
- **Aurora Children's Health:**
 - Weekday morning appointments are reserved for well baby visits only, and we will only be seeing well babies up to and including age 15 months.
 - The office will be closed from 12-1 pm for cleaning.
 - Afternoon, Saturday morning, and Sunday morning appointments are reserved for acute illness visits only.
 - All appointments MUST be made by phone at 920-459-1480. Walk-in appointments will NOT be allowed.
 - A physician will review each request for an acute visit before scheduling, and may call the parent to handle the problem over the phone if possible.
 - We have temporarily suspended our evening hours and close the office at 5:30 pm.
 - All well visits for children older than age 15 months will be cancelled. All follow-up appointments for chronic problems will be cancelled. Many of the long term or chronic problem visits will be done by telephone, and eventually by scheduled video visit.
- ****Sheboygan Internal Medicine**
 - All patients experiencing flu-like symptoms are asked to call 920-452-6000 prior to their appointment or prior to presenting as a walk-in patient.
 - If testing for the coronavirus is deemed appropriate, you will be referred to the appropriate site. No testing is currently occurring at our location.
 - Telehealth and e-visits are now options. Please call and discuss for more information if you have a pending appointment or acute concern.



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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.
- [Rides to covered medicaid services will continue](#)
- ******Sheboygan County Law Enforcement Press Release regarding “Safer at Home” ([English](#), [Spanish](#))

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.
- [Clarification](#) pertaining to Governor Evers Emergency Order #5-Prohibiting Mass Gatherings
- Large and Small Business [resources and information on programs](#).
- Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DIF) [Updates and Resources](#)

Employee and Employer Guidance:

- ******[Essential Workforce FAQ Link](#)
- ******[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

Executive and Emergency Orders:

- Gov. Evers [Safer at Home Order](#) to begin at 8:00 AM Wednesday, March 25th until 8:00 AM Friday, April 24th. [Click Here for Frequently Asked Questions on this order](#)
- [Gov. Evers Suspends Utility Rules and Allows for Additional Consumer Protections](#)— March 22, 2020
- [Gov. Evers Announces New Order Relating to Department of Public Instruction](#) — March 21, 2020
- [Gov. Evers: Updated Mass Gathering Ban](#) — March 20, 2020
- [Gov. Evers: Order to the Department of Workforce Development Regarding Unemployment Insurance](#) — March 18, 2020



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- [Gov. Evers: Order Restricting the Size of Child Care Settings](#) — March 18, 2020
- [Gov. Evers: Order for Statewide School Closure](#) — March 13, 2020
- [Executive Order 72, Relating to Declaring a Health Emergency in Response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus](#) — March 12, 2020

Recommended Action for Residents:

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.
 - Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible
 - Cover coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands)
 - Regularly clean high-touch surfaces
 - Not shake hands
 - Follow all other public health recommendations issued by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Centers for Disease Control.

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'.



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- **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.”

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.

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](#)

Rumor Control and Monitoring: 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://www.fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control)

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.