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Health and Human Services Department

Sheboygan County COVID19 Status Update

DATE: 3/31/2020, 2:00pm CST

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

Current Situation Update*

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| Wisconsin Confirmed Case Count | 1,351 |
| Sheboygan County Total Confirmed Case Count | 12 |
| Sheboygan County ACTIVE Cases | 6 |
| Sheboygan County RECOVERED Cases | 6 |
| Sheboygan County Negative Tests Reported to Public Health | 141 |

**Confirmed Case Counts as of 2pm 3/31/2020*

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 12 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Of those, 6 cases have recovered and are no longer ill. Of the active cases, 2 are currently hospitalized.
- Our cases have been affiliated with international travel, domestic travel and community transmission.
- **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
- Employee and Employer Guidance
 - Child care information for essential workers

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

TODAY'S KEY COMMUNITY PREVENTION MESSAGING:

Please see community resources, volunteer opportunities and support services through the United Way here: <http://www.uwofsc.org/about/community-resources/>

PPE--Wisconsinites can now [donate or sell large quantities](#) of personal protective equipment (PPE) to help Wisconsin communities that need it the most.

- The good news is that, due to the generosity of hundreds of Wisconsin businesses, non-profits, and even individuals, we've been able to start distributing donated PPE into our local communities.
- But we still need more.
- We need PPE and other supplies in order to increase our capacity to test tens of thousands of Wisconsinites, isolate and treat those who are infected, and do our best to contain the spread of COVID-19.

YOU ARE SAFER AT HOME.

Assuming that we are all implementing Safer at Home well, it will likely be several weeks before we are able to start to see results. And that is because of the lag time between infection, symptom onset, and testing result. So, the numbers you're seeing today and in the near term are people who were infected before we started Safer at Home. So, please don't get discouraged; we need to remain vigilant and continue to do everything we can together to stop the spread of COVID-19. Keeping our healthcare system from becoming overwhelmed so it can care for us during this epidemic is our number one priority.

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You are not alone. We are in this together.

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.

With all of us doing our parts, staying safer at home, we will get through this.

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:**

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- 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.
- 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 Testing Updates:

- **HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital and Prevea Health:**
 - Testing requires authorization.
 - 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 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.
- **Ascension Medical Group:**
 - Drive through testing is now available at numerous locations around the state, **ONLY upon the order of a physician.**
 - Patients seeking an appointment are encouraged to use 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
- **Lakeshore Community Health Care Sheboygan:**
 - 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.
- **Sheboygan Internal Medicine:**
 - No testing is currently occurring at our location.
 - 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.
- **Plymouth Family Physicians**

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- Testing is limited to PFP patients that meet the ongoing standards and approved by a physician on our staff.
- For more information on Healthcare Updates please go to the [Sheboygan County Website](#).

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:

- [DHS Updated Guidance for Business and Employers](#)
- [WEDC Business Resources](#)
- [Sheboygan County Chamber CARES Act Press Release](#)
- [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
- ******[Child care information for essential workers](#)
- ******[COVID-19 Child Care Requests for Essential Workforce Families](#)

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Executive and Emergency Orders:

- Gov. Evers [Suspends Evictions and Foreclosures](#) During Public Health Emergency — March, 27 2020
- 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
- [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.

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WI State Update on Testing:

- The Wisconsin Department of Health Services issued [new guidance regarding testing](#) on March 27.
- 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 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](#)
[Sheboygan County General Public/At Home Resource Page](#)
[Sheboygan County Spanish and Hmong Resource Page](#)

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.