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Sheboygan County COVID19 Status Update

DATE: 4/04/2020, 2:00pm CST

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

Current Situation Update*

Wisconsin Confirmed Case Count	2,112
Sheboygan County Total Confirmed Case Count	22
Sheboygan County ACTIVE Cases	12
Sheboygan County RECOVERED Cases	9
Sheboygan County COVID19 DEATHS	1
Sheboygan County Negative Tests Reported to Public Health	206

**Confirmed Case Counts as of 2pm 4/04/2020*

Case Updates and Monitoring:

Wisconsin State Cases:

- Information on most up to date case counts statewide can be found [here](#).

****Sheboygan Case Updates:**

- Sheboygan County currently has 22 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Of those, 9 cases have recovered and are no longer ill. Of the active cases, 1 is currently hospitalized.
- 1 confirmed positive is deceased. The individual who passed away is in the 60+ age group.
- Public Health is currently working on a contact investigation associated with Sunny Ridge Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. [See the April 4th Press Release here.](#)
- 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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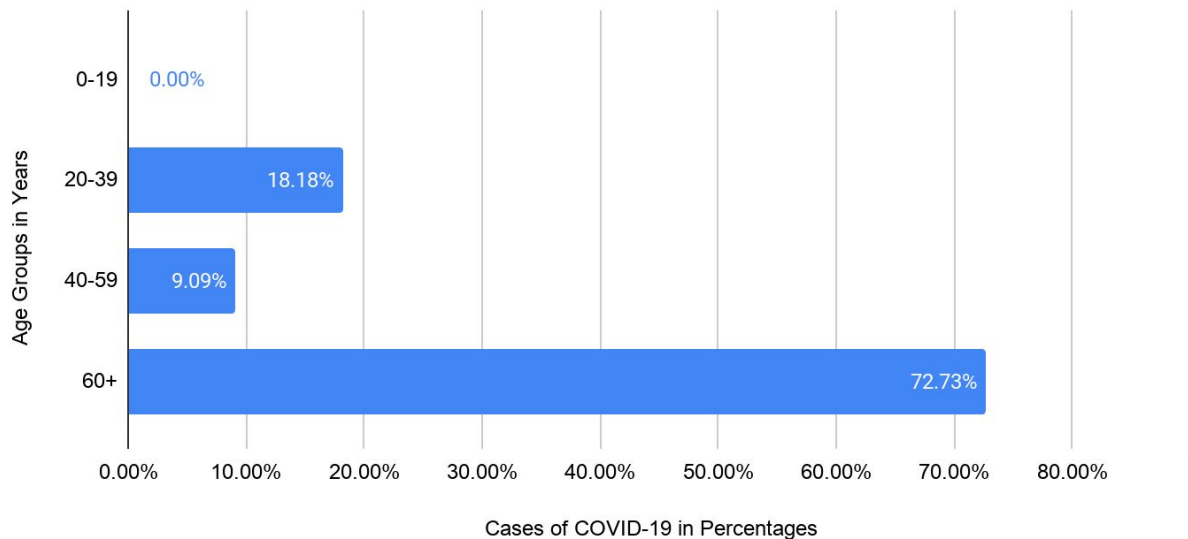
Additional Sheboygan County Case Information:

We have been receiving inquiries about the data we are able to release within Sheboygan County. The Sheboygan County Division of Public Health takes the wellbeing of the community very seriously and works diligently to share the information needed to protect the health of the public. Public Health has a responsibility to protect the privacy and confidentiality of individuals and must be thoughtful about how data is shared because even aggregated data can be linked to individuals when small numbers and rare demographic features are involved. We remain committed to providing the information necessary to keep Sheboygan County safe.

At this time, we are planning to make available aggregate data on age groups of confirmed cases.

There are no current plans to release additional details about cases to protect the privacy and confidentiality of those community members who are sick with COVID-19. This decision was made in consultation with Sheboygan County corporation counsel, it is in alignment with the Sheboygan County HIPAA Compliance Policy #P33 and is also supported by the [American Public Health Association Code of Ethics](#).

Cases of COVID-19 in Sheboygan County in Percentages by Age Groups





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Highlights of what is NEW in Today's Update

- Sheboygan Case Counts
- Sunny Ridge Outbreak Press Release 4/4/2020
- Key Community Prevention Message
 - New CDC Guidelines on Wearing Masks in Public
- IF YOU ARE ILL
 - [CDC Coronavirus Self-Checker Tool](#)

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

TODAY'S KEY COMMUNITY PREVENTION MESSAGING:

New CDC Guidance on wearing masks in public was released this week. [CDC recommends](#) wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

It is critical to emphasize that maintaining 6-foot social distancing remains important to slowing the spread of the virus. CDC is additionally advising the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

Watch the Surgeon General for instructions on how to make your own mask:

<https://youtu.be/tPx1yqvJgf4>

YOU ARE SAFER AT HOME.

Our number one goal is to ensure that the health care system has more beds, frontline health care workers and critical care capacity than the number of people who will become severely ill and need them. Our collective efforts through Safer at Home are designed to help us accomplish our goal by flattening the curve and slowing the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. Assuming that we are all implementing Safer at Home well, it will likely be several weeks before we are able to start to see



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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.

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.

Sheboygan County Government Update:

- 4/2/2020 Press Release: [Sheboygan Government Further Limits Access](#)
- 4/1/2020 Press Release: [Sheboygan County Mourns the Loss of First COVID19 Death](#)
- 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.
- 4/2/2020 [Public Health Response to Sunny Ridge COVID19 Outbreak Investigation](#)

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**.**

- Do you think you need to see a doctor? Contact your physician or complete an [online health screening assessment](#), and a licensed health practitioner will contact you.
- **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.



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- 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.
 - 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.
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- **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.



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- If testing for the coronavirus is deemed appropriate, you will be referred to the appropriate site.
- **Plymouth Family Physicians**
 - 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](#).

Long Term Care Facility Updates and Guidance:

- The Sheboygan County Division of Public Health has been working closely with all long-term care facilities to ensure that they are following the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Important Guidance for Infection Prevention and Control of Coronavirus Disease [issued on March 20, 2020](#).
- On March 31, 2020, the Sheboygan County Division of Public Health [released additional guidance](#) focused on limiting staffing agencies and hospice providers from staffing more than one long-term care facility with the same personnel.
- On April 2, 2020, the Sheboygan County Division of Public Health [released guidance](#) for Residential Facilities and Partner Organizations Regarding Work with Confirmed Positive Cases

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](#))

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Updates:

- ******New CDC Guidance on wearing masks in public was released this week. [CDC recommends](#) wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.
 - Watch the Surgeon General for instructions on how to make your own mask: <https://youtu.be/tPx1yqvJgf4>
- Wisconsinites can now [donate or sell large quantities](#) of 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.



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- 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.
- HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital will accept cloth, hand-made face masks for a limited time, April 2 – April 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - It is important to note that handmade masks are not meant to prevent people from getting COVID-19, but meant to prevent people from touching their face and mouth. These masks are meant to keep each person's respiratory secretion to themselves and prevent from spreading COVID-19 which one can have without symptoms.
 - For those wanting to make masks, the following [criteria must be followed](#):
 - Make masks with elastic straps: <https://youtu.be/ueWkAuY3k6Y>
 - Make masks with cotton straps (no elastic needed): <https://youtu.be/hBotTRGmVjc>
 - Bundle masks in no more than 25 increments in a sealed zip lock bag.
 - At this time we are ONLY accepting donations in the bin outside the door of the Chapel Entrance off Taylor Drive at HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital.
 - Masks must be in a plastic bag; do **NOT** enter our hospital at this time.

School and Business Updates:

- Please refer to the specific school district/system, 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](#)
- Sheboygan County Economic Development Corporation [Letter to Business Owners](#)

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](#)

Press Releases and Executive Orders:

- Wisconsin Department of Health Services releases new initiative, [Resilient Wisconsin](#)



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- For a full list of Gov. Evers Press Releases and Executive Orders use the links below
 - [Press Releases](#)
 - [Executive Orders](#)

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.
- [**CDC Coronavirus Self-Checker Tool](#)

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



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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](#)
[Sheboygan County COVID-19 Community Resources](#)
[Sheboygan County Recovery Meetings & Support Resources](#)
[UW Extension COVID-19 Financial Resources](#)
[Resources for Undocumented Immigrants and their Families During COVID-19](#)

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

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.