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### COLUMBIA COUNTY COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

#### Key COVID-19 Data Summary for Columbia County as of August 6, 2020 8:00 a.m.

- Total positive test results: 238 (+34 since 7/29/20)  
(Includes active, recovered, deceased)
- Active cases: 55 (+1 since 7/29/20)
- Active cases currently hospitalized: 4 (+3 since 7/29/20)
- Individuals recovered: 149 (+33 since 7/29/20)
- Total deaths: 1 (+0 since 7/29/20)
- Total negative cases: 9,253 (+505 since 7/29/20)
- Total number of active investigations by setting: 13 (+2 since 7/29/20)  
(Long-term care facility -3 ; Workplace (non-health care) -4 ; Group housing facility-1 ; Health care facility - 0;  
Other setting-5)
- COVID-19 Activity Level : HIGH (Same as 7/29/20)

#### Frequently Asked Questions

##### ***What does Governor Evers Emergency Order #1 regarding face coverings say?***

Governor Tony Evers issued an executive order declaring a 60-day public health emergency in relation to COVID-19. Additionally, he issued Emergency Order #1, which creates a requirement for people in Wisconsin to wear a face covering. The order went into effect August 1 through September 28.

In general, the order requires everyone to wear a mask whenever they are indoors or in an enclosed space, other than a private residence, and other people are present in the same room or space with the following exceptions:

- When you are at a private residence
- When you are outside
- When you are indoors and no one else is present
- When you are eating or drinking
- When you are communicating with someone who is deaf or hard of hearing and you cannot communicate while wearing a mask
- While sleeping (e.g., firefighters sleeping at a fire station)
- While swimming or being on duty as a life guard
- When you are giving a religious, political, media, educational, artistic, cultural, musical, or theatrical presentation for an audience, so long as you have at least 6 feet between you and other individuals

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- When you are working if wearing a face covering poses a safety risk, as determined by government safety guidelines or regulations
- When you need to temporarily remove your face covering to confirm your identify, such as entering a bank, credit union, or other financial institution or when having to show that you match your identification card when buying alcohol
- When engaging in activities where federal or state law or regulations prohibit wearing a face covering.

### ***How is an outbreak defined? How many cases must occur in the same place to require an investigation?***

A single case initiates a facility-wide public health investigation in long-term care facilities, which includes skilled nursing facilities (nursing homes) and assisted living facilities (community-based residential facilities and residential care apartment complexes).

Two or more cases within 28 days in the following settings initiate a facility-wide public health investigation:

- Group housing facilities include correctional facilities, homeless shelters, dormitories, and group homes.
- Health care facilities include hospitals, clinics, dialysis centers, hospice, and in-home care.
- Workplace (non-health care) settings include manufacturing and production facilities, distribution facilities, offices, and other indoor workplaces.
- Other settings include adult or child day care centers, restaurants, event spaces, and religious settings.

A case investigation and contact tracing is conducted with all people reported with COVID-19, regardless of setting. More information about public health investigations and regional data can be found on the [DHS COVID-19 Investigations page](#).

### ***Where can I get tested for COVID-19?***

In Columbia County, testing for COVID-19 is provided at [Aspirus Divine Savior Healthcare](#) in Portage and [Prairie Ridge Healthcare](#) in Columbus. A free community testing site is located at the [Alliant Energy Center](#) in Madison.

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