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Is COVID-19 Activity Level Critically High in Columbia County?

Yes. As COVID-19 cases continue to surge, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is providing new features on its COVID-19 data pages. A “critically high” category was added to the [Disease Activity Dashboard](#) to give a better picture of the impact of COVID-19 across the state. The “critically high” category is nearly three times higher than “very high.” Both the state and 65 counties are at this “critically high” level. New testing data available at the county level also includes percent positive by test, which counts people each time they are tested, the number of daily tests administered by region and county, as well as the seven-day average tests administered and test positivity. [View the press release here.](#)

When and where are the FREE COVID-19 testing sites in Columbia County?

Friday, November 20, 2020 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Cambria Fire Department 702 Elizabeth Street **Cambria**, WI.

Wednesday, November 25, 2020 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 pm at the City of Portage Utility building 135 Northridge Drive **Portage**, WI. Please do not enter front door or contact Utility Staff at Portage Utility Building for COVID-19 testing. This is a drive-thru testing site only.

Friday, December 4, 2020 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Cambria Fire Department 702 Elizabeth Street **Cambria**, WI.

All of the above FREE COVID-19 testing sites are open to the community and appointments are NOT necessary. In an effort to save time, we encourage online registration. If you do not register online, you will still be tested. Staff on site will assist in the registration process. Registration should be done no sooner than 24 hours prior to the event at <https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov/en-US/>

Due to the unknown amount of interest, prepare for potential wait times. It is requested that vehicles form a line and stay in the mode of transportation at all times. No restroom facilities will be available on site, please plan accordingly. The National Guard will be doing the testing, they will be in uniform and full personal protective equipment. Individuals will be contacted with their results within 3-7 business days. Please visit our Columbia County website <https://www.co.columbia.wi.us/columbiacounty/hhs/HealthHumanService/PublicHealth/Coronaviruses/tabid/9196/Default.aspx> for more information.

Where else 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 Health](#) in Columbus. For a complete listing of COVID-19 Community Testing Sites, please visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community-testing.htm> .

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