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COLUMBIA COUNTY COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

Key COVID-19 Data Summary for Columbia County as of November 25th 10:00 a.m.

- Total confirmed positive test results: 3226 (+371 since 11/18/20)
(Includes active, recovered, deceased)
- Active cases: 963 (+83 since 11/18/20)
- Total probable test results 194 (+3 since 11/18/20)
- Total ever hospitalized 159 (+15 since 11/18/20)
- Individuals recovered: 2253 (+288 since 11/18/20)
- Total deaths of people confirmed positive: 10 (+0 since 11/18/20)
- Total deaths of people probable results 1 (+0 since 11/18/20)
- Total negative cases: 21415 (+820 since 11/18/20)
- Total number of active investigations by setting: 55 (-6 since 11/18/20)
Educational facility -20; Long-term care facility -9; Workplace (non-health care) -14; Group housing facility -2; Health care facility -2; Other setting -8.
- COVID-19 Activity Level **CRITICALLY HIGH** (Same as 11/18/20)

Frequently Asked Questions

What age groups in Columbia County are testing positive for COVID-19?

As of 11/25/2020 at 10:00 a.m., the 3226 persons testing positive per age group were:

0-9 years old - 106 persons (3.3%)	50-59 years old – 557 persons (17.3%)
10-19 years old – 346 persons (10.7%)	60-69 years old – 343 persons (10.6%)
20-29 years old – 573 persons (17.8%)	70-79 years old – 198 persons (6.1%)
30-39 years old – 523 persons (16.2%)	80-89 years old – 81 persons (2.5%)
40-49 years old – 476 persons (14.8%)	90 plus years old 23 persons (0.7%)

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

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.

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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> .

What guidance is available for college students planning to travel away from their college residence for holiday or winter break?

College students who must travel away from their college residence for holiday or winter break, should prepare for:

- Changing travel restrictions.
- A possible requirement to get tested before traveling.
- It can take up to 5 days to get test results. Ensure you will have your results before your flight and have a plan in the event your COVID-19 test result is positive and your travel is delayed.
- Staying in-place if you get sick or exposed, which could mean isolating or quarantining at your travel destination, thereby postponing your return.
- Planning for the impact of being away from your college residence for an extended period of time if you are required to isolate or quarantine in-place, or if your college's COVID-19 response policies change prior to your return to campus.
- Take home essential personal and educational items.
- Refill or transfer prescriptions for medications and vision.
- Have access to your previous COVID-19 test results and related medical records.
- Some cities and counties may require you stay at home, or self-quarantine for 14 days after your travel.

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