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COLUMBIA COUNTY COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

Key COVID-19 Data Summary for Columbia County as of December 2, 2020 11:00 a.m.

• <u>Total confirmed positive test results:</u> (Includes active, recovered, deceased)	3531	(+305 since 11/25/20)
• <u>Active cases:</u>	965	(+2 since 11/25/20)
• <u>Total probable test results</u>	202	(+8 since 11/25/20)
• Total ever hospitalized	167	(+8 since 11/25/20)
• <u>Individuals recovered:</u>	2554	(+301 since 11/25/20)
• <u>Total deaths of people confirmed positive:</u>	12	(+2 since 11/25/20)
• Total deaths of people probable results	1	(+0 since 11/25/20)
• <u>Total negative cases:</u>	22714	(+1299 since 11/25/20)
• <u>Total number of active investigations by setting:</u> Educational facility -21; Long-term care facility -8; Workplace (non-health care) -17; Group housing facility -3; Health care facility -2; Other setting -4.	55	(+0 since 11/25/20)
• <u>COVID-19 Activity Level</u>	CRITICALLY HIGH	(Same as 11/25/20)

Frequently Asked Questions

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

As of 12/02/2020 at 11:00 a.m., the 3531 persons testing positive per age group were:

0-9 years old - 118 person (3.3%)	50-59 years old – 598 persons (16.9%)
10-19 years old – 375 persons (10.6%)	60-69 years old – 372 persons (10.5%)
20-29 years old – 638 persons (18.1%)	70-79 years old – 209 persons (5.9%)
30-39 years old – 587 persons (16.6%)	80-89 years old – 85 persons (2.4%)
40-49 years old – 524 persons (14.8%)	90 plus years old 25 persons (0.7%)

Is Columbia County experiencing very significant community spread of COVID-19?

Between 3/1/2020 and 9/30/2020, Columbia County had a total of 871 new confirmed positive cases and 53 new probable cases of COVID-19. Between 10/1/2020 and 11/30/2020, Columbia County added 2,592 new confirmed cases and 144 new probable cases of COVID-19. Columbia County averaged 42.5 new confirmed cases per day in October and November. Columbia County is experiencing very significant community spread of COVID-19.

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How many people were tested for COVID-19 at the National Guard Testing Sites in Cambria November 20th and Portage November 25th?

On Friday, November 20th, 231 people were tested at the Cambria Fire Station. On Wednesday, November 25th, 268 people were tested at the City of Portage Utility Building. We want to thank the Cambria Fire Station and City of Portage for hosting our testing events. We also want to thank the National Guard for coming into our county to do the free COVID-19 testing.

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

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**.

The above FREE COVID-19 testing site is 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> .

Is there a brief list of ways people can make safer choices about planning or participating in holiday gatherings?

Ideas to celebrate more safely

- Share a meal with only the people who live in your household.
- Prepare meals and treats in a way that doesn't involve contact, this can be a great way to safely share the holidays with family, friends, and neighbors, especially those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

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- Have a virtual dinner with friends and family. Consider virtually connecting while you cook, while you eat, or both.
- Shop online rather than in person.
- Watch sports events, parades, and movies from home.

Make safe choices

- Avoid travel. Travel increases your chance of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Be mindful that a COVID-19 test only shows if you have COVID-19 at the moment of your test. If you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, it can take up to 14 days to develop symptoms or test positive.
- Stay home as much as possible.
- Wear a mask when you are in public or in a place with people outside of your household.
- Maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance between yourself and others who don't live with you.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Use the [decision tool for individuals and family](#) to make choices that are best for you and your family

More information on safer holiday celebrations can be found on the [DHS website](#).



This is how we save lives together.

Help your family, friends and neighbors Be Safe from COVID-19.



Stay home.



Wash hands.



Wear a cloth face covering if you must go out.



Stay six feet apart if you must go out.

Will you #BeSafeWisconsin and stay at home in honor of those who can't?

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