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COLUMBIA COUNTY COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

Key COVID-19 Data Summary for Columbia County as of December 16, 2020 11:30 a.m.

- Total confirmed positive test results: 3912 (+190 since 12/9/2020)
(Includes active, recovered, deceased)
- Active cases: 395 (-327 since 12/9/20)
- Total probable test results 260 (+22 since 12/9/20)
- Total ever hospitalized 194 (+18 since 12/9/20)
- Individuals recovered: 3494 (+507 since 12/9/20)
- Total deaths of people confirmed positive: 23 (+10 since 12/9/20)
- Total deaths of people probable results 1 (+ 0 since 12/9/20)
- Total negative cases: 23328 (+277 since 12/9/20)
- Total number of active investigations by setting: 51 (+4 since 12/9/20)
Educational facility -17; Long-term care facility -10; Workplace (non-health care) -16; Group housing facility -3; Health care facility -2; Other setting -3.
- COVID-19 Activity Level **VERY HIGH** (Change from 12/9/20)

Frequently Asked Questions

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

As of 12/16/2020 at 11:30 a.m., the 3912 persons testing positive per age group were:

0-9 years old- 135 persons (3.5%)	50-59 years old – 651 persons (16.6%)
10-19 years old – 432 persons (11.0%)	60-69 years old – 411 persons (10.5%)
20-29 years old – 684 persons (17.5%)	70-79 years old – 237 persons (6.1%)
30-39 years old – 659 persons (16.8%)	80-89 years old – 94 persons (2.4%)
40-49 years old – 579 persons (14.8%)	90 plus years old - 30 persons (0.8%)

How do I celebrate the upcoming holidays safely?

It is safest to celebrate upcoming holidays with the people in your immediate household and not risk gathering with others. Traveling, hosting guests indoors, and sharing food, utensils and plates all pose significant risks. Further strategies from Wisconsin Department of Health Services for reducing the risk of spreading COVID-19 during the upcoming holiday season can be found [here](#).

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Who do I contact or what website is recommended for general COVID-19 questions?

Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has created a general inquiry inbox for the public to use to send in COVID-19 vaccine questions: DHSCOVIDVaccinePublic@wi.gov. Additionally, there is the [DHS COVID-19 Vaccine page](#), which contains some commonly asked questions.

Health care providers and vaccinators should continue to submit their questions to DHSCOVIDVaccinator@wi.gov and refer to the [DHS COVID-19 Vaccinator page](#) for information.



The National Guard will be providing free drive-through COVID-19 nasal swab testing in Columbia County

When: 12:00PM - 6:00PM

December 18, January 15, January 29, February 12 and February 26

Where: Cambria Fire Department, 702 Elizabeth Street, Cambria, WI 53923

Please enter through the rear of the fire department off of Highland Drive

- The free testing 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. Please register **no sooner** than 24 hours prior to testing at: <https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov/en-US/>
- It is requested that modes of transportation (vehicles, horse drawn buggies, etc.) form a line and stay in the mode of transportation at all times.
- No restroom facilities will be available on site, please plan accordingly.
- Test results will be provided within 3-7 business days.

*Please note these dates are subject to change based on needs identified by the COVID-19 Response Team as this response continues to evolve.



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