

# COVID-19 Community Resources



**Congressman Ron Kind  
Wisconsin's 3rd Congressional District  
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## A Message from Congressman Ron Kind

Dear Friend,

My office has received a number of calls and letters from Wisconsinites expressing concern and asking questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) and the rapid changes being made to our daily lives. I want to make sure everyone has access to accurate information and is prepared when it comes to combating the spread of the virus. We are taking this threat incredibly seriously, and a crucial part of our response is an informed and prepared public.

In this document you will find information on COVID-19, what to do to prepare and stay safe, news on containment, emergency relief, and developments in local, state, and federal government's response to the pandemic. It is my hope that this guide will inform and prepare you to help defeat this disease. This guide is compiled from existing federal, state, and local resources and is not intended to be a definitive source of information on COVID-19.

I am continuing to monitor new developments in the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Wisconsin. As we get more information, my staff will keep this resource guide updated with the latest information from authoritative sources. You can also visit my website at <https://kind.house.gov/COVID19> for news and developments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Kind". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ron Kind  
Member of Congress

## Community Resources and Information

**\*For an immediate, life-threatening emergency, call 911\***

### State and Federal

**Wisconsin Department of Health Services**

1-800-947-3529 • [Website](#)

**CDC**

1-800-232-4636 • [Website](#)

### Local

**Pierce County Public Health**

715-273-6755 • [Website](#)

**Dunn County Public Health**

715-232-2388 • [Website](#)

**Eau Claire City-County Health Department**

715-839-4718 • [Website](#)

**Pepin County Health Department**

715-672-5961 • [Website](#)

**Buffalo County Public Health**

608-685-4412 • [Website](#)

**Chippewa County Public Health**

715-726-7900 • [Website](#)

**Trempealeau County Public Health**

715-538-2311 • [Website](#)

**Jackson County Public Health**

715-284-4301 • [Website](#)

**La Crosse County Public Health**

608-785-9872 • [Website](#)

**Monroe County Public Health**

608-269-8666 • [Website](#)

**Vernon County Public Health Department**

608-637-5251 • [Website](#)

**Crawford County Public Health**

608-326-0229 • [Website](#)

**Grant County Public Health**

608-723-6416 • [Website](#)

**Richland County Public Health**

608-647-8821 • [Website](#)

**Juneau County Health Department**

608-847-9373 • [Website](#)

**Adams County Public Health Department**

608-339-4376 • [Website](#)

**Wood County Health Department**

715-421-8911 • [Website](#)

**Portage County Health and Human Services**

715-345-5350 • [Website](#)

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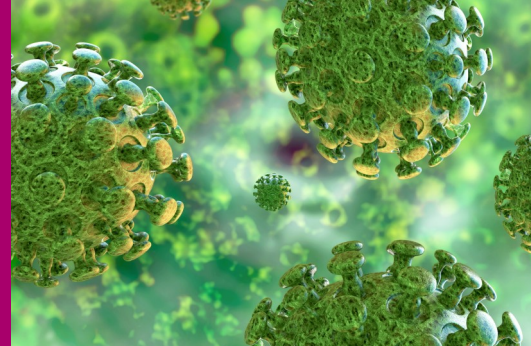
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# COVID-19

## (Coronavirus Disease 2019)



COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person-to-person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new form of coronavirus that was first found in people in December, 2019. It has the potential to cause severe illness in some people.



### How is it spread?

- ▶ People with COVID-19 can spread it to others when they cough or sneeze. The virus is found in droplets from the throat and nose. When someone coughs or sneezes, other people near them can breathe in those droplets.
- ▶ The virus can also spread when someone touches an object with the virus on it. If that person then uses their hands to touch their face, mouth, or eyes, the virus can make them sick.



### What are the signs and symptoms?

- ▶ Fever
- ▶ Cough
- ▶ Shortness of breath



### How can it be prevented?

- ▶ Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if you do not have soap and water.
- ▶ Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze, and then throw the tissue away. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve.
- ▶ Do not have close contact with people who are sick and stay home if you are feeling sick.
- ▶ Clean and disinfect surfaces thoroughly.



### What should I do if I have symptoms?

#### Call your doctor if:

- ▶ You have been to an [affected country](#)\* in the past two weeks or have had close contact with someone who has a confirmed COVID-19 infection. \*Visit [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov) to learn which countries are affected
- AND**
- ▶ You have symptoms of fever, cough, or shortness of breath.



## News, Closures, and Updates

**Unemployment insurance:** Governor Evers issued an emergency order waiving the work search requirement during the COVID-19 crisis for unemployment benefits. More details on that change and other information on unemployment benefits can be found at Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development's website here: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm>

**Small Business Administration Concerns:** Wisconsin has been approved for supplemental COVID-19 disaster assistance loans by the federal government. More information can be found on the SBA's website at <https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19>. Specific Wisconsin SBA contact information can be found at this link: <https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/wi/milwaukee>.

**Veterans:** The Tomah VA Medical Center and its Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) are operating under a "no-visitors" policy, with limited exceptions like providing medical care or visiting under compassionate care circumstances. More information about updates at Tomah VA can be found here: <https://www.tomah.va.gov/>. For more information on veterans benefits, services, and resource centers in Wisconsin, visit here: <https://dva.wi.gov/Pages/newsMedia/COVID19.aspx>.

**Social Security:** On March 17th, the Social Security Administration (SSA) closed in-person meetings in all field offices. Updates and instructions for how to get help SSA can be found here: <https://www.ssa.gov/coronavirus/>.

**Tax filing deadlines:** On March 21st, Wisconsin officially delayed the deadline to file taxes from April 15th to July 15th to align with the new deadline for filing federal taxes. More information on both the state and federal moves can be found here: <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/News/2020/wi-covid-19.aspx>.

**Agriculture:** USDA local service centers have moved to being open by phone appointment only. Some local offices have closed, and USDA is updating its list of office closures daily. That list, along with all USDA information, can be found here: <https://www.farmers.gov/coronavirus>. Wisconsin specific information, including a three page toolkit for farmers, can be found here: [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/News\\_Media/Covid19.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/News_Media/Covid19.aspx).

**K-12 Schools:** All Wisconsin schools were closed on Wednesday, March 18th. The previous anticipated re-opening date of April 6th has been rescinded. All schools will remain closed for instructional and extracurricular activities for the duration of the public health emergency or until a subsequent order lifts this specific restriction. More information on school closures can be found on the Department of Public Instruction's website here: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/2019-novel-coronavirus>.

**Colleges and Universities:** UW System, Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and the Wisconsin Technical College System have moved to virtual instruction, with some schools canceling in-person commencement ceremonies. Most departments are functional, but non-essential staff are working remotely.