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COLUMBIA COUNTY COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

Key COVID-19 Data Summary for Columbia County as of September 30th 12:00 p.m.

- Total positive test results: 679 (+130 since 9/23/20)
- since 9/23/20)
(Includes active, recovered, deceased)
- Active cases: 126 (+36 since 9/23/20)
- Active cases currently hospitalized: 6 (+5 since 9/23/20)
- Individuals recovered: 550 (+93 since 9/23/20)
- Total deaths: 3 (+1 since 9/23/20)
- Total negative cases: 15470 (+2404 since 9/23/20)
- Total number of active investigations by setting: 15 (+2 since 9/23/20)
Educational facility – 2; Long-term care facility - 2; Workplace (non-health care) -4 ; Group housing facility -1; Health care facility -1; Other setting -5 .
- COVID-19 Activity Level : HIGH (Same as 9/23/20)

A person has died in Columbia County of complications surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19). The death is the third in Columbia County associated with COVID-19. “We are deeply saddened by the loss of another one of our community members,” said Susan Lorenz, Health Officer for Columbia County. “Our thoughts are with the family and friends.”

Frequently Asked Questions

Where 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. A free community testing site is located at the [Alliant Energy Center](#) in Madison.

Will there be additional free COVID-19 testing events in Columbia County this year?

The National Guard may be available to conduct additional free COVID-19 testing events in Columbia County this year. We will keep you posted as we learn more from the National Guard.

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

As of 9/30/20 at 12:00 p.m., the 679 persons testing positive per age group were:

0-9 years old - 15 persons (2.2%)	50-59 years old – 121 persons (17.8%)
10-19 years old – 74 persons (10.9%)	60-69 years old – 56 persons (8.2%)
20-29 years old – 126 persons (18.6%)	70-79 years old – 49 persons (7.2%)
30-39 years old – 107 persons (15.8%)	80-89 years old – 16 persons (2.4%)
40-49 years old – 104 persons (15.3%)	90 plus years old – 11 persons (1.6%)

Should employers notify other employees if they learn about a COVID-19 case in the workplace?

If an employer learns that a worker is confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, the employer should inform fellow workers who were in close contact with the individual that they were possibly exposed to COVID-19 in the workplace. Employers must maintain the confidentiality of the infected individual, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. In addition, employers must report the case to their local or tribal health department (LTHD) and follow guidance from the LTHD.

“Close contact” is defined as:

- Anyone who was within six feet of a person who tested positive for at least 15 minutes in a 24-hour period, starting from
 - Two days before the individual developed symptoms.
 - Two days before their positive test, if the individual did not have symptoms.
- Or someone who
 - Had direct physical contact with the person who tested positive, including but not limited to a hug or a handshake.
 - Came into contact with the person’s respiratory secretions, including but not limited to exposure to cough or sneeze droplets; contact with a used tissue; or sharing a drinking glass, towel, or other personal item.

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What are the recommendations for isolation for a positive COVID-19 person?

Isolation- person with symptoms

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02632.pdf>

Isolation person without symptoms

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02632a.pdf>

What are the recommendations for quarantine for a close contact of a positive COVID-19 person?

Quarantine- close contact

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02634.pdf>

What are the recommendations for quarantine for a household contact of a positive COVID-19 person?

Quarantine- household contact - case has symptoms

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02633.pdf>

Quarantine- household contact - case has no symptoms

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02633a.pdf>