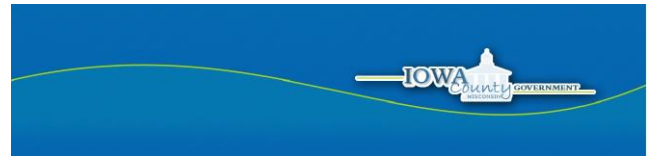


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Wisconsin's Safer at Home Order Extended

Iowa County – Governor Tony Evers today directed Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Andrea Palm to extend the Safer at Home order from April 24, 2020 to 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2020, or until a superseding order is issued. The order implements some new measures to ensure safety and support the progress we've made in containing COVID-19, but also allows certain activities to start up again. This extension allows time to increase testing capacity, reduces the risk of overwhelming our healthcare system, and minimizes the chance of a second wave of the virus.

There is no effective medicine to treat COVID-19 and no vaccine. We have to work together through interventions like Safer at Home and physical distancing to slow the spread. We know this is challenging. We know this is disruptive. But we need to stick with it a little longer. Safer at Home saves lives.

The Safer at Home extension includes a few changes-- some allow more businesses and activities to open up, while other changes help make businesses safer for employees and customers. Read the full Safer at Home order here: <https://content.govdelivery.com/.../142.../EMO28-SaferAtHome.pdf>

FAQs: <https://content.govdelivery.com/.../2020-04-16%20Safer%20at%20...>

Press Release from Gov. Evers: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/.../bulletins/286d626>

Together, we can get through this. Together, we can keep our community safe. #SaferAtHome 🏠 #WeGotThis 🤝 #StayStrong 🙌

Case Update

5 Positive Test Results in Iowa County
169 Negative Test Results in Iowa County
3,875 Positive Test Results in Wisconsin
40,974 Negative Test Results in Wisconsin
1,121 (29%) Hospitalizations
197 Deaths in Wisconsin

For a broader picture of the number of cases and additional details see <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm>

Announcements

- [Upland Hills Health Hospital and Clinics:](#)

- 4/6/2020: UHH is not accepting delivery of food, flowers or gifts. Donations to the COVID-19 Relief Fund will help fund new food service supplies and protocols for feeding staff and patients safely. Donate by calling 608.930.7169 or at www.uplandhillshealth.org/relief
- Effective 3/30 - UHH Clinics in Dodgeville, Mineral Point and Mt. Horeb are open 9 AM-3 PM Monday-Friday.
- **Wisconsin's Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week: April 13-17.** Governor Tony Evers has declared April 13-17 Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin, and ReadyWisconsin is encouraging everyone to take time this spring to talk about weather safety with their families. ReadyWisconsin, the National Weather Service and Wisconsin Broadcasters Association also encourage everyone in the state to participate in a Virtual Tornado Drill at 1:45 p.m. on April 16. For more info visit ReadyWisconsin.gov
- **The Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry (WEAVR)**, is a secure, password-protected, web-based volunteer registration system for health care and behavioral health professionals. Volunteers interested in filling critical response and recovery roles following a major public health emergency self-register and are the only ones that can update their information. Based on the information collected from each volunteer, public health officials identify those professionals willing to fill the specific volunteer roles needed in an emergency. Public health officials use the WEAVR registry to generate a list of volunteers to be contacted. Those contacted will be given information on where to report and the role that is needed, as well as the option to accept or decline the opportunity. Training will be provided at the reporting site. More questions about WEAVR? See a list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Important Sources of Information

- **211 Wisconsin** is an easy and helpful resource for COVID 19 questions. Simply call 211 from your phone <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/>
- **For localized information:**

Please monitor the following Social Media sites:

Iowa County Public Health on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/iowacountyhealthdepartment/>
 Upland Hills Health on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/UplandHillsHealthHospital/>
 Iowa County Emergency Management on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/ICEMWI>
 Iowa County Emergency Management on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/icemwi/>

Monitor the following websites:

Iowa County COVID 19 <https://www.iowacounty.org/>
 Upland Hills Health <https://www.uplandhillshealth.org/patient-visitors/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-information/>
 WI Department of Health Services (DHS) <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm>
 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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