

## WHAT IS COVID-19?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses common throughout the world, some causing illness in people and others among animals. COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that can cause mild to severe illness.

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus was first identified during an outbreak in China and has since spread to many other countries, including the United States.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are actively responding to both the national and global outbreak.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is carefully monitoring the outbreak of COVID-19 in Wisconsin and the United States.

The West Allis/West Milwaukee Health department works closely with DHS to monitor the outbreak and is prepared to respond as needed. We are ready to implement public health recommendations in cooperation with local medical providers, schools and other community partners.

## COVID-19 LOCAL TESTING

In Milwaukee, the Wisconsin National Guard is conducting free COVID-19 testing for anyone age 5 and older, regardless of symptoms. Drive-thru and walk-up testing is available. No appointment needed. Hours:

- Mon-Thurs 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Fri-Sat 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Closed Sunday

Individuals tested at Milwaukee County National Guard testing sites can call 1-866-419-6988 for test results. The COVID-19 Results Line is open Monday-Friday from 8 AM – 6 PM. Please wait to call the Results Line until 5 days after your test.

- Milwaukee South – UMOS, 2701 S. Chase Avenue
- Milwaukee North - Barack Obama School - Custer Stadium site, 4300 W. Fairmount Avenue

You can schedule an appointment at certain AdvocateAurora locations after an online screening. Visit [www.aah.org/testing](http://www.aah.org/testing) or call 877-819-5034.

- Aurora Medical Center West Allis - 8901 W Lincoln Ave, West Allis, WI 53227 (7am- 7pm)

[Click here for more information on COVID-19 testing sites.](#)

## IS THE CORONAVIRUS IN WEST MILWAUKEE?

Yes, West Milwaukee is experiencing community spread of the virus. View the Latest News tab on this page for the most recent reports of cases in West Milwaukee.

- [COVID Update 10-21-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 10-14-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 10-7-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 9-30-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 9-16-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 9-9-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 9-2-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 8-26-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 8-19-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 8-12-20\( PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 8-5-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 7-29-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 7-22-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 7-15-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 7-8-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 7-1-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 6-24-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 6-17-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 6-10-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 6-3-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 5-29-20 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 5-22-2020 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 5-15-2020 \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID Update 5-11-2020 \(PDF\)](#)

## **SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 INCLUDE:**

- Fever, defined as a measured temperature greater than 100.4°F
- Subjective fever, for example if a person feels unusually warm to the touch, or reports sensations similar to previous experiences of fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Chills or rigors (repetitive shaking chills)
- Muscle aches (myalgia)
- New loss of taste or smell

## WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE THESE SYMPTOMS?

Stay at home and call your healthcare provider if you feel sick with a fever, cough, or have difficulty breathing AND have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19, or if you live in or have recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Calling ahead allows healthcare facilities to prepare ahead for effectively helping you while protecting others from COVID-19.

Your healthcare provider will work with public health and CDC to determine if you need to be tested for COVID-19. Contact your healthcare provider to discuss your risk level and they will determine if testing is appropriate.

## ADDITIONAL COVID-19 RESOURCES:

### State and National Resources

- [CDC Coronavirus Disease Website](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Travel Information](#)
- [Wisconsin Department of Health Services Website](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)
- [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- [Coronavirus Rumor Control FEMA](#)
- [US Census Bureau COVID-19 Demographic Data Maps](#)

### Information for Specific Audiences

- [People at Risk for Serious illness from COVID-19](#)
- [Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Communities](#)
- [FAQs for Individuals & Families](#)
- [Travelers](#)

## STAY HEALTHY BY TAKING THESE PREVENTIVE ACTIONS

- [Wash your hands](#) often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes nose and mouth
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze with a tissue, sleeve or your arm
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- [Guide to disinfecting your home](#)
- [CDC recommends](#) wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face

coverings to slow the spread of the coronavirus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as [recommended by current CDC guidance](#).

If you have any questions regarding COVID-19, please contact the Health Department at 414-302-8600 or email us at [health@westalliswi.gov](mailto:health@westalliswi.gov).