



## BREAKING NEWS

- News broke late today that [the office of Governor Evers had secretly recorded a May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting](#) as he met with legislative leaders to discuss potential next steps following the [State Supreme Court's ruling to vacate the Safer at Home order](#).
  - Speaker Vos and Senate Majority Leader Fitzgerald, both of whom met via phone with Evers, issued statements in response to the news – calling the action “Nixonesque,” “shameful,” and a violation of “trust, civility and integrity.” [Read Vos' full statement here](#). [Read Senator Fitzgerald's statement here](#).
- [According to a new report from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, May 2020 tax collections in Wisconsin are down \\$66 million from the year before](#).
  - The decline in May collections is primarily attributed to lower state sales and use taxes, with the state-wide “Safer at Home” order halting a large percentage of economic activity throughout Wisconsin.
  - [Representative John Nygren, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance, called on the governor to “do more to reduce state spending.”](#)
- [Legislative Republicans continue to advocate for action from the state Department of Workforce Development](#), as more than 15% of unemployment claims remain unprocessed and unpaid to Wisconsinites.

- [According to the latest data available from the Department of Health Services](#), Wisconsin now has 21,593 confirmed positive cases of the COVID-19 virus and 671 confirmed deaths. 357,112 negative test results have been reported. There were 10,187 test results today, and 2.8% of them returned positive. DHS is also now providing information on the recovery status of COVID-19 confirmed cases – [find the data here](#).
    - According to the Wisconsin Hospital Association, [there are 328 total COVID-19 patients in our hospitals](#) – a 3-patient decrease over the last 24 hours.
    - [DHS has released new data on facility-wide public health investigations and outbreaks in areas across the state](#). Currently, there are 651 COVID-19 facility-wide investigations and outbreaks.
    - [Click here for more information on COVID-19 data through DHS](#).
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## DAILY UPDATES – JUNE 10, 2020

### State Updates:

- [Milwaukee County announced a universal face mask policy for anyone entering a county facility](#). Under the new policy, all employees, contractors, vendors, volunteers, service users, and general public within county facilities and grounds are required to wear a mask.
- A Madison summer staple, Concerts on the Square, will look very different this year. [The Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra unveiled a new plan for the summer concert series, in which the first four concerts are postponed and replaced with two drive-in performances](#).
  - Two live concerts are planned at Breese Stevens Field for later in the summer if it is safe to do so.
- County fairs across the state are being called off or shifted online due to coronavirus concerns. Most recently, La Crosse, Adams, Vilas, Dodge, and Athens Counties have decided to cancel. [For an up-to-date list of all county fair cancellations, click here](#).

- The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) reports that 3,994 initial applications were filed for unemployment insurance on Tuesday, June 9, bringing the weekly total to 13,855.
  - Since the start of the pandemic, over 600,000 unemployment claims have been filed in Wisconsin.
  - DWD is currently receiving an unprecedented number of applications for benefits. In order to meet demand, those needing to file unemployment insurance claims are encouraged to do so through the Department's website. A number of frequently asked questions and answers is also available on this site. The phone lines remain open to applicants, but they may experience longer-than-usual delays.
- Those seeking employment may still do so by registering on JobCenterofWisconsin.com. The website will continue to be updated often as new jobs arise.

#### Federal Updates:

- As school years begin to end, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced today an extension of USDA child nutrition programs, allowing them to continue serving free meals to children for the remainder of the summer in an attempt to get food to children impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- FEMA issued its daily briefing points, with information related to the Whole-of-America response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some highlights include:
  - As of June 7, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 94.7 million N95 respirators, 149.2 million surgical masks, 13.9 million face shields, 38.6 million surgical gowns and over 1 billion gloves.
  - As of June 6, CDC, state, and local public health labs and other laboratories have tested more than 20.3 million samples.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### *Helpful Resources*

- [The Assembly GOP Caucus has launched a GOP COVID-19 webpage.](#) It will serve as a resource for up-to-date information, links to DHS and CDC information, graphics, and more.
- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency has [released guides for information and communications technology supply chain risk management.](#)
- [The Federal Emergency Management Agency has created the Coronavirus Rumor Control page](#) to help folks distinguish between rumors and facts.
- [Wisconsin Emergency Management has created a map](#) showcasing local health orders in place across the state.

### *Education*

- Per the Wisconsin Supreme Court's May 13<sup>th</sup> ruling, K-12 schools across the state will remain closed for the duration of the 2019-20 school year.
  - Previous to this ruling, Governor Evers had closed schools statewide beginning on March 18, 2020.
- Colleges around the state, including the University of Wisconsin System, remain closed for most on-campus coursework and continue to make plans for altered instructional plans for the fall of 2021. [The UW System has provided a campus-by-campus look at the work being done to return ahead of the fall semester.](#)
- The Department of Public Instruction has a list of resources available to parents and school district personnel to help children dealing with mental health needs during the pandemic. [Click here.](#)

### *Businesses*

- Unless under a local order by public health officials, all Wisconsin businesses are now permitted to operate and resume activity. Out of

caution, businesses are encouraged to adhere to best-practices as prescribed by the Center for Disease Control.

- Additionally, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation has outlined a number of industry-specific guidelines to help businesses reopen their doors.
- The Department of Workforce Development has provided a FAQ on the state's Work-Share program – aimed at avoiding layoffs and allowing workers to remain employed during periods of reduced business.
- Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce has compiled a COVID-19 Employer Toolkit to help employers and workers navigate the recent state and federal policy changes related to COVID-19.
- The Department of Health Services has provided tips for business owners and employees for coping with COVID.
- The Small Business Administration, in consultation with the Department of Treasury, has issued a FAQ on Paycheck Protection Program loans.

### ***Mental Health***

- Resilient Wisconsin, a new page from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, has consolidated the latest mental and behavioral health self-care tools and trauma-informed practices.
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's COVID-19 webpage includes advice and guidance from mental health and suicide prevention experts.
- NAMI Wisconsin has launched a website with COVID-19 resources related to mental health.

### ***Dining***

- Unless closed by a local order by a public health office, all bars and restaurants in the state are now permitted to open their doors to customers.

- The [Wisconsin Restaurant Association](#) has worked to compile [a list of participating restaurants](#) that are offering curbside pickup or delivery for guests.
- [The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation](#) has [offered guidance for restaurants in the state to safely reopen.](#)

### **Ways You Can Help**

- Give Blood – [click here](#) to find a blood drive/donation center near you.
  - The Red Cross has indicated cancellations of blood appointments are at record highs. Encourage others to donate if they are healthy.
- Local food banks are asking for your assistance.
- The United Way and other [groups have created an online portal for those looking for volunteering opportunities in their community.](#)
- [Help your local small businesses.](#) Grab a meal for take-out or buy gift cards and shop online from local businesses to help them stay afloat during this time of uncertainty.
- Volunteer to pick up groceries or prescriptions for elderly in your community, or volunteer with a local organization who provides these services (i.e.: Meals on Wheels)

### **Services**

- Unemployment Insurance:
  - Information relating to unemployment benefits and COVID-19 can be found on the [Dept. of Workforce Development's informational page.](#)
    - Applicants are encouraged to apply for benefits online.
  - [Self-employed individuals who may otherwise be ineligible for regular unemployment insurance may also be eligible for assistance under the federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance \(PUA\) program.](#)
- Housing:
  - The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) has a [FAQ for homeowners, renters, and housing](#)

[providers in response to COVID-19](#). The FAQ is being updated as new information arises.

- Kids:
  - [The Department of Children and Families has developed new resources](#) to connect families with locally available childcare.
    - Families in dire need of child care can [fill out this form](#).
    - Families can search for available care [using this map](#).
  - [The Department of Children and Families is administering a grant program for child care providers. Find out more and learn how to apply.](#)
  - [Scholastic offers free online courses for children.](#)
  - [50 activities parents can do with their kids during shutdown.](#)