



The [statewide COVID-19 website](#) is a one stop shop that consolidates information from state agencies, and provides up-to-date information and guidance regarding COVID-19. DHS has also offered information on their website on [How and Where to Get Tested](#).

If you're not busy, please make a call, send a card, or write a letter to someone you know who lives alone or may need assistance.

Bless each of you during this difficult time of uncertainty and suffering. Take good care!

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New Statewide Vaccine Registry and Call Center

The [Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccine Registry](#) is now live and all Wisconsin residents can sign up to add their name to a COVID-19 vaccination waitlist. This is especially useful for individuals who are not yet eligible to receive the vaccine. For help with registering for the vaccine, or other registry assistance, call 1-844-684-1064

This registry is currently being used by Green, La Crosse, Green Lake, and Rock County public health departments, and also by the City of Wauwatosa Health

Department, but will continue to expand to other public and private organizations throughout the state.

Because of this, for residents of Milwaukee County *who are already eligible to receive the vaccine*, the best way to schedule a vaccination is to:

- Call your primary care doctor
- Visit the [Milwaukee County Vaccine Information website](#)
- Visit the [City of Milwaukee resident website](#) (414) 286-6800
- Check the [Walgreens appointment website](#)

As of March 1st, new groups such as educators have become eligible to receive the vaccine. To see a list of which groups are currently eligible in Wisconsin, visit the Wisconsin Department of Health Services [Vaccine Eligibility Page](#).

Free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance from SDC

The [Social Development Commission](#) is offering free tax preparation services for federal and state income taxes; homestead returns; and federal and state amendments of previous years filed for households with a 2020 annual income of \$60,000 or less.

The VITA program's volunteers and staff are IRS-certified and are there to help with free tax filing; accessing refundable credits such as the child tax credit and the Earned Income Tax Credits, connecting individuals with financial coaching; financial education, and job training.

[Read more.](#)

Upcoming State Budget and Redistricting Listening Sessions

Recently Governor Evers announced a series of live sessions for Wisconsinites to discuss and provide feedback on the *Badger Bounceback* agenda, with the goal of working together to pass a bold, bipartisan budget that is focused on helping our state bounce back after COVID-19.

In total there are 6 planned sessions, each with a different topic for the meeting.

[Learn more or register here.](#)

The final hearing of the *People's Maps Commission* will be held on March 11th. This commission is designed to hear directly from experts and the public regarding our state's upcoming redistricting process.

The final hearing will be featuring Wisconsin's 2nd Congressional District, although Wisconsinites from all over the state are encouraged to attend and offer their insight into this process.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, March 11, from 5:00pm to 8:45pm.

[More info, register to testify, or submit written comments here.](#)

A Guide to Where the \$1.9 Trillion in the Federal Stimulus Bill is Going

A version of the President's stimulus plan has passed the U.S. Senate, and is headed back to the House for concurrence before it heads to the President's desk. Provisions within the bill include: direct payments to Americans, extended jobless benefits, and revenue for states, local governments and schools.

Included in the bill are:

- \$1,400 stimulus checks for individuals making less than \$75,000. Households earning less than \$150,000 would receive \$1,400 per person, including \$1,400 per dependent.
- \$300 per week in unemployment supplement through September
- Increase in the child tax credit: up to \$3,600 for children up to age 5, and up to \$3,000 for children 6-17
- Revenue for states, local governments, schools, FEMA for vaccine distribution, Coronavirus testing, contact tracing and genomic sequencing
- Temporary increase in subsidies for people purchasing health insurance through the Affordable Care Act's marketplaces.

[Read more.](#)

Home Hazmat Collection

Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District has information about where to dispose of or recycle hazardous household materials, electronics, used batteries, and other items.

If you've got household chemicals that you don't want contaminating our local environment, take them to one the permanent or mobile drop off locations.

[More info.](#)

Special Traffic Safety Unit to Battle Reckless Driving in Milwaukee

Mayor Barrett and the City of Milwaukee Police Department are unveiling a new law enforcement unit called the Traffic Safety Unit (TSU) to help put a stop to reckless driving throughout the city.

Through a strategy of high visibility enforcement, their goal is to ensure voluntary compliance and deter traffic violence.

The [TSU's website](#) includes a [reporting feature](#) for the general public to help inform the unit of locations in need of enforcement.

[Read more.](#)

Earn & Learn Community Work Experience and Summer Youth Internship Programs

Employ Milwaukee's Earn & Learn Community Work Experience Program will begin accepting online applications from youth aged 14-24 years on **Monday, March 8th, 2021** [on their website](#).

For additional information email earn.learn@employmilwaukee.org or call 414-270-7550.

Mayor Barrett's Earn & Learn Summer Youth Internship Program is accepting online applications from Milwaukee youth aged 16 to 19 years **until March 19th, 2020**.

This is a paid **virtual** work readiness opportunity available for 20 hours a week for eight weeks beginning June 3rd to July 30th, 2021. For details, [click on this link](#).

Direct questions about the program to Vanessa Armstrong at vaarmst@milwaukee.gov or call 414-286-6076.

Explore the Hank Aaron State Trail

Extending west from Mitchell Park all the way to the Underwood Creek runs the Hank Aaron State Trail.

As he followed the progress of the creation of the trail, Hank Aaron expressed his hope that it would serve many diverse neighborhoods in the city and provide a way for children to get outdoors and play.

Exploring the trail by bike, jogging, or walking would be a great way to enjoy the fresh Spring weather that we are currently having.

[More info about the trail.](#)

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