



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.

Please, let them and your family know that you are thinking of them, and that we are here for each other.

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

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Election Info for Next Tuesday

Make sure you have an ID for voting purposes

[Bringit.wi.gov](#) is the state's website for helping people make sure that they have an ID that will work when they go to cast their ballot. For most Wisconsinites, their driver's license will satisfy this requirement. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has [step-by-step instructions for obtaining an ID to vote](#). Bring your ID with you for every step of the following process!

Get registered

Online and postal registration has ended for the upcoming election, so if you are not already registered, you will need to do so in person at your municipal clerk, **if necessary you will still be able to do this at the polls on Election Day**, but it is best to get it done in advance.

Absentee Voting

As we learned in April, voting by mail is dependent upon an efficient postal system, but also on us to make sure we get our absentee ballots in the mail with enough time for them to be delivered.

If you have not yet requested your absentee ballot for the August 11th primary, Thursday at 5pm is the deadline to file the request. However, Milwaukee Election Commission executive director, Claire Woodall-Vogg, recommended placing the requests well in advance in order to have enough time to get it returned by 8pm on August 11th (next Tuesday).

If you are still in possession of your ballot later this week and are unsure whether it will get through the postal system in time to be counted, make use of one of the absentee ballot drop-off sites throughout the city, or by dropping off directly to your municipal clerk if you live in another municipality.

Drop off sites for the city of

Milwaukee: <https://city.milwaukee.gov/milwaukee.gov/election/Absentee-Ballot-Drop-Off-Sites>

You can also vote early by using the “in person absentee” process, information about early voting times and locations can be found under the municipal clerk contact information found below.

Contact info for all municipal clerks across the state can be found in the [Directory of Wisconsin Clerks](#) from the Wisconsin Elections Commission website, or through [myvote.wi.gov](#).

Here are the websites and phone numbers for the clerks in the 3rd Senate District. Check with your municipal clerk to find out how you can vote early or how to vote by mail in your municipality.

Municipal Clerk Contact Info

[City of Greenfield](#) 414-329-5219

[City of Milwaukee](#) 414-286-3491

[City of Wauwatosa](#) 414-479-8917

[City of West Allis](#) 414-302-8220

[Village of West Milwaukee](#) 414-645-1530 ext 0

Governor Evers' Executive Order Requiring Face Coverings

Last week Thursday, Governor Evers issued [Executive Order #82](#) which declared a public health emergency, lasting 60 days, in response to the high levels of COVID-19 activity across 61 of Wisconsin's 72 counties. In the first week of July, the state's daily average of new cases was 764, which increased each week of July to an average of 938 new cases each day during the last week of July. On July 21st, [Wisconsin reported 1,117 new cases](#), the first time that number had reached over 1000.

Along with Executive Order #82, Governor Evers issued [Emergency Order #1](#), which created a statewide requirement for face coverings, which took effect this past Saturday. The order requires every individual in Wisconsin, age five or older, to wear a face covering if they are indoors or in an enclosed space, other than a private residence, and another person or persons who are not members of their household are present in the same room or enclosed space. To better understand the definitions of an "enclosed space", the duration of the order, penalties for violation, and the exceptions that apply to this emergency order, review the provisions on the second, third, and fourth pages of [Emergency Order #1](#).

In quick response to the announcement of these orders, members of the Republican Caucus of the State Senate calling on their colleagues in the Legislature to convene and strike down these orders. They are concerned about limitations on personal choice regarding face masks, and that the governor will also use his public health emergency powers to mandate virtual school instruction this fall. [Governor Evers has clarified](#) that he believes that decisions about school reopening plans will be left to school districts, and that, "there is no secret plan out there." Governor Evers also noted that, "If you're already in a small school district and your average class size is 10 and 15 and you have big classrooms, it's a lot easier to keep socially distant than some school district that has lots of kids in a very small space."

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald announced that he has conferred with the Senate Republicans, and they stand ready to convene and strike down the orders through a Joint Resolution, a type of policy that does not require the Governor's signature for approval. His counterpart in the Assembly, Speaker Robin Vos, has said that he does not support the statewide mandate, but has not commented on the Assembly's readiness to reconvene in order to strike down the orders. Individual members of the Assembly Republican caucus have however, signaled their willingness to convene.

Questions quickly surfaced among Democrats in the legislature about whether any other policies would be brought up if the legislature reconvenes, such as the package to address issues at the Department of Workforce Development related to unemployment, the Healthcare Heroes Act which would expand access to healthcare for Wisconsinites and give support to the public health employees who have been the front line of our response to the pandemic, or policies related to public safety and criminal justice. During a period in which our state has confronted multiple crises, each requiring legislative action to resolve, it was surprising to hear that the Governor's declaration of a public health emergency was the fulcrum that leveraged the Republican's willingness to convene the legislature.

I have heard from many constituents already who have called and written to express their support or opposition to the Governor's order requiring face coverings, but in the anticipation or a possible session of the legislature, I would

appreciate hearing your views on this matter. Do you support a statewide order requiring face coverings when indoors or in enclosed areas? Feel free to respond to this email to express your views, or call my office to let me know!

2020 Census Ending Sept. 30th

The Census Bureau will be ending all of its counting efforts on September 30th, including door-knocking, online response collection, and telephone and postal response collection.

This change is being instituted in order to accelerate the data collection so that the Bureau can meet its deadline of December 31, 2020.

Approximately 4 out of 10 U.S. households have not yet completed the Census.

Previously, when the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic became better understood in April, the bureau announced that it would be pushing back the deadline for completing the counts to October 31st. This was in order to ensure the accuracy of the counts. [Read more](#)

Proposed Cleanup of Milwaukee's Waterways

Since 1987 the US Environmental Protection Agency has identified Milwaukee's estuary as an "Area of Concern." Now the EPA's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative may present a chance for Milwaukee's waterways to undergo a massive cleanup, greatly improving the environment of our city and the quality of life of its residents.

This project would be one of the largest public works efforts in Milwaukee's history. [Read more](#)

SSDI Recipients Can Receive Unemployment Benefits for now

The US Department of Labor has approved the Wisconsin DWD's request to allow those receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) to receive the federal unemployment benefits that were made available as a part of the CARES Act. Such individuals are encouraged to apply for [Pandemic Unemployment Assistance \(PUA\)](#) through DWD. However, this determination does not affect Wisconsin's standing state statute that disqualifies SSDI recipients from receiving regular unemployment once the pandemic is over. My Democratic colleagues and I have produced a bill that would rectify that situation. SSDI recipients are encouraged by the Social Security Administration to seek work if they are able, and may earn enough to qualify for unemployment based on the work that they are able to accept. They should not be denied when they lose their work through no fault of their own.

Free Mobile Bike Repair Shop

This week, (August 3-7) Lincoln Avenue Community School located at 1817 W. Lincoln Ave. will be partnering with Wisconsin Bike Fed to host a mobile bike repair shop.

Residents are encouraged to drop by any day between 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. for a free bike tune up. Services include putting air in tires, basic adjustments, as well as replacing tubes, chains, cables, brake pads and more! All parts and services are completely free.

For additional questions or service, please contact Anthony at (404) 819-9401 or email mobilerepair@wisconsinbikefed.org.

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