



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 Emergency Rental Assistance



The graphic features a green header with the Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance Program logo and title. Below the header, the text "What Kind of Help is Available?" is centered. Three icons are displayed: a lightning bolt in a circle for "Utility and Home Energy Payments", a green house for "Rent Payments", and two hands holding a gear for "Services to help you stay in your home". At the bottom, a light blue box contains the text: "Eligible households may receive up to 12 months of assistance to help with current and/or overdue bills."

If at least one or more individuals in your household meets the following criteria your household may qualify for rental assistance:

- Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a significant reduction in income, incurred significant costs, or experienced financial hardship during the period of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and
- Has a household income at or below 80 percent of their county's median income.

Eligible households may receive up to 12 months of assistance to help with current or overdue bills.

For information about this assistance in Milwaukee County, call [Community Advocates](#) at 414-270-4646.

[Read more.](#)

Wolf Hunt in Wisconsin Exceeds Quota by 82%

After the Trump Administration delisted the gray wolf from the Endangered Species Act on January 4th, the Wisconsin DNR became statutorily required to hold an annual wolf hunting and trapping season.

The DNR had announced plans to hold the first hunting and trapping season on November 6, 2021, and stated that the timeline to put a season in place this winter was too short. The agency was sued by the conservative [Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty](#) on behalf of Kansas-based Hunter Nation to force a wolf hunt to occur this winter, and a Jefferson County judge ruled that the DNR needed to establish a hunting and trapping season in February. The DNR appealed, but their [appeal was dismissed](#).

During the hastily arranged season, which lasted 3 days, kills surpassed the quotas in each of the 6 wolf management areas across the state. A [Natural Resources Board](#)

decision to issue twice as many permits as normal, and a statutory requirement to give at least 24 hours of notice to close a hunt contributed to the overage.

A spokesperson for the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission stated: “It will go down as a stark example of mismanagement, and the problems that can be expected when the state Legislature and the courts embrace special interest groups over the public as a whole.”

[Read more.](#)

Funding Proposed for Citizens Utility Board

Recently a joint hearing of the Senate Committee on Utilities, Technology and Telecommunication and the Assembly Committee on energy and Utilities hear a proposal to restore funding for the [Citizens Utility Board](#) (CUB. [Senate Bill 47](#) and its Assembly companion [Assembly Bill 27](#) would provide up to \$900,000 in funding for the CUB.

The CUB is an independent consumer advocacy organization that represents ratepayers before the Public Service Commission, courts, and the legislature. In 2009 funding was included in the budget for the CUB, and it was [removed in 2015](#) by the Joint Finance Committee at the request of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Association of Commerce.

It is very beneficial for ratepayers to have the CUB funded, since 2006 the CUB has saved ratepayers \$3.5 billion through its advocacy.

[Read more.](#)

New Vaccine from Johnson & Johnson Available Next Week

Wisconsin is expecting to receive 47,000 doses of the newly approved vaccine from Johnson & Johnson (J&J) starting next week.

The vaccine from J&J is single-dose, unlike the earlier versions produced by Pfizer and Moderna which both require booster shots. It also does not require ultra-cold storage like the Pfizer vaccine, meaning that it will be able to be shipped directly to providers in all areas of the state more easily. These qualities are expected to help providers bring the vaccine to areas of the state that have been more difficult to reach.

[Read more.](#)

Also check out the new information from the Milwaukee County Department on Aging about Vaccine [Frequently Asked Questions](#), [Facts](#), and [Myths](#).

Wisconsin Consumer Protection Summit

To celebrate *National Consumer Protection Week* the Wisconsin Departments of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection, Justice, Financial Institutions, and Transportation are coming together to provide valuable information to Wisconsinites about how they can watch out for scams and other consumer issues.

On March 4th from noon to 1:00pm, several of these departments will be providing presentations and responding to questions. Registration is not required, but space in the virtual room is limited. [More info.](#)

To kick off the week, the Department of Justice and the Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection have put together information about robocalls: [read more.](#)

Family Free Day at the Milwaukee Zoo

If you're looking for a way to get out and stretch your legs after several cold weeks, check out the animals at the Milwaukee Zoo on Family Free Day, March 6th.

[More info.](#)

Milwaukee Wins \$1million Grant for New Railroad Spur

The state of Wisconsin is awarding a \$1million Transportation Economic Assistance program grant for a railroad spur that will serve Komatsu Mining Corporation's new plant.

Komatsu is moving its headquarters and establishing a factory to the Harbor District, and has committed to paying the balance of the cost for the estimated \$2.4million project.

[Read more.](#)

Take a Winter Stroll with Harbor District Staff

Every Thursday at 6pm until March 25th, staff from the Harbor district invite you to walk with them along the Kinnickinnic River Trail.

Strolls begin at the North entrance on E. Washington St. across from George's Pub and the route goes south towards Maple St.

Meet the staff, and learn more about the Harbor District's mission. Masks, a flashlight, and comfortable shoes are required.

[Sign up here.](#)

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