



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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Racism and Hate Have No Home Here!

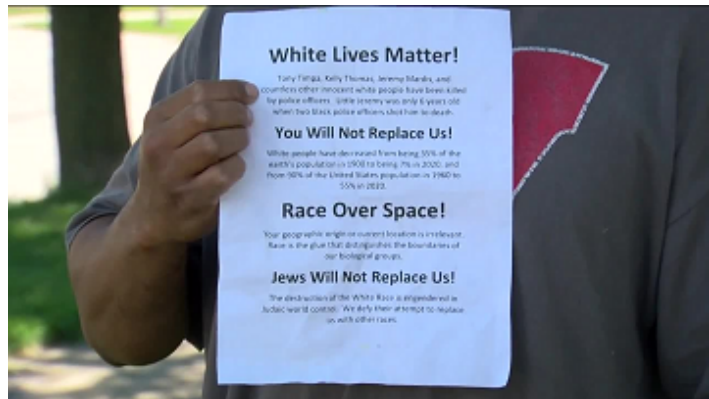


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I was shocked to learn that someone distributed racist flyers across the lawns of West Allis homeowners. The flyers deliver a disgusting message of support for racial segregation and white supremacy.

Unsurprisingly, similar flyers can be found published in the newspapers distributed by the “White Aryan Resistance.” It is unfathomable that communities made up almost entirely of immigrants and the descendants of immigrants can harbor intentions to threaten people on the basis of their ancestry.

Throughout the history of our country we have provided hope to people from different nations, spreading the message that if you yearn to breathe free, our door is open to you. This is the promise that we have made to the world, and commitment to that

ideal has made America an immortal symbol of liberty, justice, and opportunity.

To whomever took it upon themselves to spread this hateful message, know that our communities do not support you. If you had decided to spread your message publicly, rather than under the cover of night, you would have seen the strength of that conviction shared among peoples from all nations who call America, Wisconsin, and West Allis home.

Hate has no home here!

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The UW System has Released Guidelines for Reopening Campuses this Fall

I have heard concerns from many students and parents over whether the UW System plans to hold in-person classes next semester. I am glad to see that they have released guidelines that accomplish this while taking safety into account.

The UW System will be moving classes of 50 students or more to online formats in order to maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet during instruction. Laboratory, clinical, and other hands on courses will be prioritized.

Other recommendations include:

- Faculty and staff able to work remotely should continue to do so this fall.
- University dining services should be modified to minimize gatherings of 10 or more people.
- Campuses should develop plans to address students with disabilities or underlying health conditions.
- Residence hall staff should identify ways to maintain a sense of community while adhering to social distancing guidelines. They should also "anticipate potential for bias related to diverse communities related to COVID-19."

They have also described a system of widespread symptomatic testing, contact tracing and the ability to isolate and quarantine ill and exposed individuals in accordance with public health requirements. [Read more](#)

EPA is Overseeing the Cleanup of Former Solvay Coke & Gas Co. Superfund Site on E. Greenfield Ave.

In preparation for a new headquarters building for Komatsu Mining Corporation, the Environmental Protection Agency is currently overseeing the cleanup of the site by the current owner: Wisconsin Gas.

Contractors are mixing cement into the contaminated soil, trapping contaminants in blocks that keep them contained. Once Wisconsin Gas completes its work, it will sell the land to Komatsu Mining to build its headquarters, which could provide space for over 1,000 workers.

Wisconsin Gas, an affiliate of WE Energies is paying for the cleanup project.

[Read more](#)

Landmark SCOTUS Ruling for Gay and Transgender Rights

The Supreme Court handed down a landmark ruling yesterday. In a 6-3 decision, the Justices determined that a person cannot be fired on the basis of their sexual orientation or transgender status. This crucial ruling strengthens so many other advancements for the LGBTQ community: in many states, people have hesitated to engage in their rights for fear that they could lose their job if their employer knew that they loved a person of the same sex.

I'm proud to say that with this ruling the LGBTQ movement has taken a huge step forward. Discipline in the workplace must be based on performance and not the person's private decisions or how they decide to express their gender. [Read more](#)

Love Thy Neighbor Foundation Helps Seniors Learn to Use Zoom

The Love Thy Neighbor Foundation is working to empower seniors to stay in their homes. In order to help others become acquainted with teleconferencing technology, they are organizing a Zoom Bingo tutorial.

Would you like to join them for Zoom Bingo?

Visit [LoveThyNeighborFoundation.org](https://www.lovetthyneighborfoundation.org)

or call 414-562-6666

or email info@lovetthyneighborfoundation.org

Foxconn Jobs Count Delayed by COVID-19

In order to verify the number of jobs that Foxconn claims on an annual basis towards its tax credits from the state, they must submit a third party audit of their internal reporting. That third-party audit then goes on to be evaluated by the WEDC and the Legislative Audit Bureau.

Normally the third-party verification is supposed to be released on May 15th, but this year the company was unable to allow auditors to view their facilities without breaching the recommendations from state and local health departments.

As a result, the state granted the company a 60 day extension, and the report is now due in July. As usual, I will be waiting to see the results of the report in order to keep a close eye on the Foxconn project, which is the largest tax incentive to a foreign corporation in our nation's history. [Read more](#)

Three Wisconsin Counties Lead the Nation for Census Response

Although Wisconsin trails Minnesota in terms of statewide response, three Wisconsin Counties: Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington, also known as the WOW counties, are the top three counties in the nation to self-report their census information.

Milwaukee County currently ranks 40th out of Wisconsin's 72 counties with a 64% response rate.

As the headcount process moves forward, census-takers will begin in-person followups with unresponsive addresses. The in-person followups have been delayed due to COVID-19. [Read more](#)

If you haven't already, you can [complete the Census today!](#) Completing the census helps out your community by making sure that accurate funds are received for all sorts of local resources such as education funding and fire departments. It is also a crucial element of establishing legislative districts, which will begin next year.

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