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New State Website for COVID-19 Info



Governor Evers has launched a [website](#) that is designed to collect up-to-date information and resources that are available from our state government.

Also see:

[Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Unemployment COVID-19 Public Information](#) for Frequently asked questions about the COVID-19 Coronavirus and Wisconsin Unemployment Benefits.

Avoid Social Gatherings of 10 or more.

In coordination with the CDC, President Trump has set out [guidelines](#) for the next 15 days that will help to slow the spread of the virus.

Ban on Gatherings of 50 or more.

Monday, Governor Evers issued a ban statewide on gatherings of 50 or more people in order to control the spread of COVID-19. [read more](#)

Early Voting

Early Voting (In-Person Absentee Voting) started Monday for the city of Milwaukee. There are many offices on the ballot for this election including: Presidential Nominee; Justice of the Supreme Court; County Executive; and City Mayor. There are also 3 referenda on the ballot: Marsy's Law which adds rights of crime victims to our State Constitution; Nonpartisan Redistricting; and School Funding.

As you may recall, I have consistently been one of the main sponsors of Marsy's Law in Wisconsin. I was a main sponsor of 2017 Senate Joint Resolution 53 and again one of the main sponsors this session with 2019 Senate Joint Resolution 2. Both measures were approved by an overwhelming majority of the Legislature and now the issue will be on the ballot before voters at our upcoming election on April 7, 2020.

If you would like to stay out of the lines that form on Election Day, early voting is a great option that gives voters more time to come in and cast their ballot. If, like me, you happen to be voting at Zablocki Library, the front entrance is closed because the library is closed to the public at this time. Make sure to go around to the back where you can get in in order to vote!

More information about early voting for all of our surrounding communities:

[City of Milwaukee](#) (starts 03/16/20)

[City of Wauwatosa](#) (starts 03/17/20)

[City of Greenfield](#) (starts 03/23/20)

[City of West Allis](#) (starts 03/23/20)

[Village of West Milwaukee](#) (starts 03/23/20)

Don't forget! In Wisconsin you will need a state recognized photo ID in order to vote. More info about which IDs will work or how to obtain them can be found at: bringit.wi.gov

Absentee Voting.

If you are interested in voting from the comfort of your home, you can also request an Absentee Ballot that you can mail in. This can be accomplished most easily at myvote.wi.gov. If MyVote is not working for you for any reason, the Wisconsin Elections Commission has issued [special guidance](#) for this process for this year. For more information you can reference their [standard instructions for voting absentee](#).

MPS offers meals for students who rely on them.

Milwaukee Public Schools has created a schedule of breakfasts and lunches to be made available to students who rely on this resource. Grade-appropriate learning materials will also be available at the breakfast and lunch distribution sites for students to take home. [More info](#)

Assembly Speaker says Legislature will not reconvene to address COVID-19.

Assembly Speaker Robin Vos [said last week](#) that there is no need for the Assembly to come in to take up matters related to the virus. He explained that the Legislature's Budget Committee can deal with requests made by state agencies. However, I have several concerns related to elections, unemployment, education, child care, and more that I do not believe the Joint Committee on Finance has the authority to handle on its own.

Emergency Food Distribution

[Milwaukee County Department on Aging Update in Response to Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

This link has updated senior information like senior dining sites transitioning to carry-out meals only, and information on meals on wheels.

[Hunger Task Force Operational Response to Coronavirus](#)

Senior centers, emergency food pantries, schools, nonprofit organizations and congregations will host opportunities for food distribution.

All of these groups will conduct “drive-thru” distributions of emergency food.

Helpful Links

[City of Milwaukee Health Department](#)

414-286-City

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

Directs to the CDC 1-800-232-4636

[The State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)

608-266-1865

[The State of Wisconsin DHS Covid-19 website](#)

[Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Unemployment COVID-19 Public Information](#)

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