

The Nass Report



Wisconsin State Government and the 11th Senate District

July 8, 2020

Covid-19 in Wisconsin – As of July 7, 2020

Last week, I sent out an update on Covid-19 in Wisconsin to help dispel some of the media hype and provide some context on the situation in our state. Today, I want to share additional information on the disease in our state and the 11th State Senate District.

Currently, we have a statewide testing capacity of 19,014 samples daily with 80 labs already in service according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS).

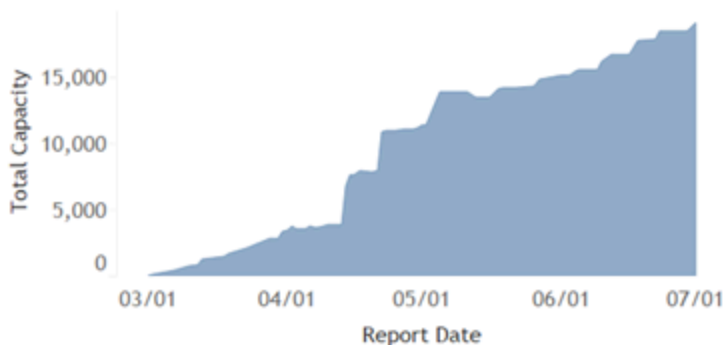
Since we have never exceeded 14,000 samples processed in any given 24-hour period, there is excess capacity to process even more samples on a daily basis. Our total capacity is set to increase again very soon with the news that 27 more labs are preparing to join the system.

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Current Daily Testing Capacity

19,014

Wisconsin's Lab Testing Capacity Over Time



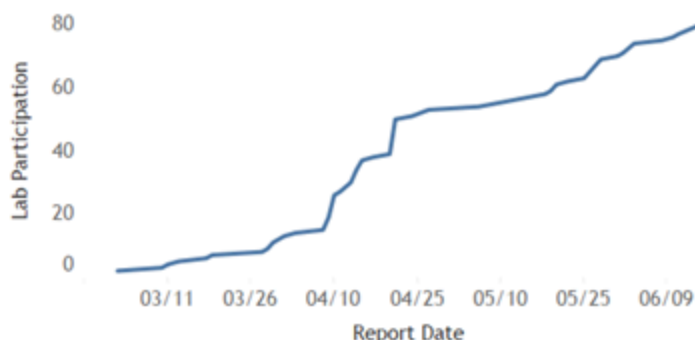
Labs Currently Performing Testing

80

Labs Planning to Test

27

COVID-19 Lab Participation Rate Over Time



A total of 633,568 people have been tested for Covid-19 in Wisconsin since March with 601,012 tests coming back negative and 32,556 people testing positive. A total of 3,639 people have been hospitalized due to Covid-19 since March with 254 people currently hospitalized statewide as of July 7, 2020. Our daily hospitalization high of 432 people occurred in April and has steadily declined since that time. On a daily basis, Wisconsin hospitals have about 11,500 beds available for patients on a statewide basis and can add an additional 1,500 beds for overflow purposes, if necessary.

Wisconsin COVID-19 Summary Statistics		
Cumulative data, Updated: 7/7/2020		
Testing*		
Total people tested: 633,568 (+12,594 from prior day)		
Positive (Confirmed Case): 32,556 (+495)		
Negative: 601,012 (+12,099)		
Confirmed Case Information		
Recovery Status	Deaths	Hospitalizations
Recovered: 25,758 (79%)	Deaths: 805 (+9)	Cases hospitalized: 3,639 (+37)
Active: 5,988 (18%)	Percent who died: 2.5%	Percent hospitalized: 11.2%

*Testing data represent the number of people tested by the diagnostic test that detects the virus in the nose or throat (and not a blood test that detects antibodies). Multiple tests per person are not included in these summary statistics.

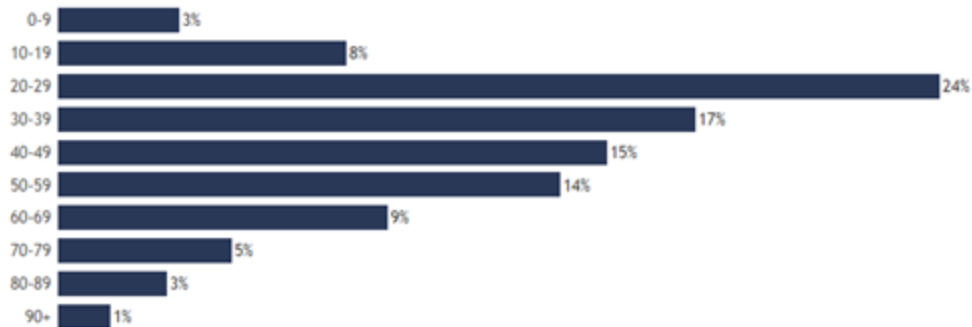
In the last month, we have seen a shift in positive cases among age groups with the most cases (24%) now coming from individuals in the 20-29 age category in Wisconsin. This increase has been heavily influenced by numbers from Milwaukee and Dane Counties during the month of June. Growing evidence suggests that the increase in the 20-29 age

group was driven by the protests and clusters connected to high density in certain bars in both counties.

Percent of confirmed COVID-19 cases by age group

Updated: 7/7/2020 (Total: 32,556)

- View cases by:
- Age group (years)
 - Gender
 - Race
 - Ethnicity
 - Region
- Select case confirmation status:
- Confirmed
 - Probable
 - Confirmed and probable



Even though we have seen an increase in Covid-19 cases in Wisconsin, the new cases over the last few weeks have not caused any stress on our hospitals. As cited above, the 20-29 age group is accounting for more positive tests, but in terms of hospitalizations only 3% of the cases in that age group require that level of medical intervention.

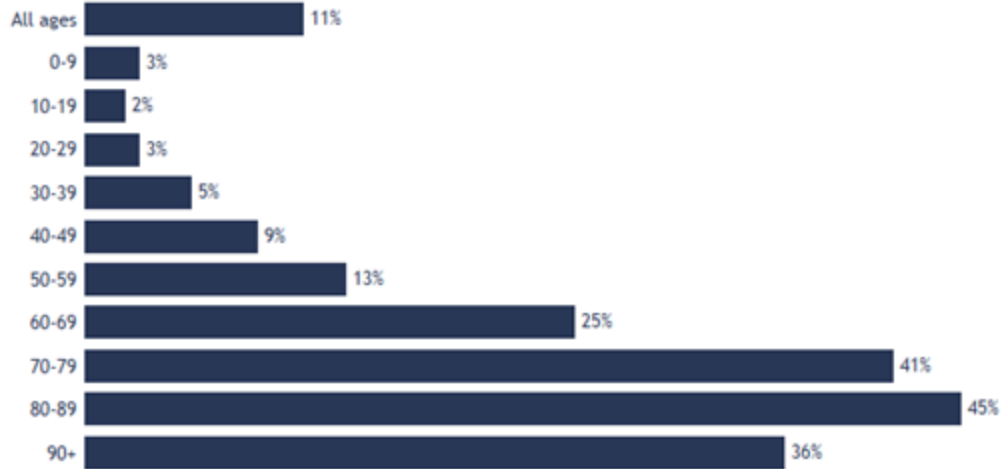
Of the 32,556 people in Wisconsin that have tested positive for Covid-19 only 3,639 (11% of positive tests) have been hospitalized at some point since March 2020.

Percent of COVID-19 cases resulting in hospitalization within age group

Updated: 7/7/2020 (Total: 3,639)

View cases by:

- Ever hospitalized
- Any intensive care
- Death



Viewing cases by: Ever hospitalized

Age range (years)	Total Cases	Cases	Percent of total cases
0-9	1,085	31	3%
10-19	2,575	53	2%
20-29	7,873	221	3%
30-39	5,687	312	5%
40-49	4,909	436	9%
50-59	4,484	601	13%
60-69	2,939	737	25%
70-79	1,553	641	41%
80-89	978	438	45%
90+	473	169	36%
Total	32,556	3,639	11%

The 11th State Senate District includes all of Walworth County, the southern-half of Jefferson County, the eastern third of Rock County, the southwestern corner of Waukesha County, one township in Kenosha County and a small area of southwestern Racine County.

As of July 7, 2020, the following are some of the data points relating to Covid-19 in the counties that are a part of the 11th Senate District:

<u>County</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u># of Positive Tests</u>	<u># of Negative Tests</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Jefferson	84,579	292	7,312	4
Kenosha	170,071	1,610	18,717	44
Racine	196,487	2,253	28,773	65
Rock	160,444	947	16,544	24
Walworth	104,062	701	9,791	18
Waukesha	405,991	1,429	28,789	39

The bottom line is that the people of Wisconsin are dealing with a virus that is with us permanently and will be a significant factor in our daily lives through at least 2021. There is only a slim chance of a vaccine being discovered that fully prevents Covid-19 infections in humans. There is a greater probability of a vaccine(s) being developed that provides some benefits of immunity and lessening symptoms, but even this possibility is relatively low when looking at the efforts in developing a vaccine to fight other corona viruses.

I am confident the people of Wisconsin can make reasonable decisions for themselves in adapting to the risks presented by a virus that is with us permanently. The overwhelming majority of businesses in Wisconsin have been operating prudently and voluntarily implementing appropriate safety measures.

I believe government officials should focus on cooperative approaches with the public and refrain from excessive government mandates certain to create a backlash from the citizens of Wisconsin.

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