

# American Indian Council Weekly COVID-19 Updates

## American Indian Council THE COVID-19 NEWSLETTER

For the Week of 10/19/2020

### MILWAUKEE UPDATES

#### *Testing*

- Some of the places to get a free COVID-19 test in Milwaukee have changed.
- Since October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the testing locations at Custer Stadium and UMOS parking lot have closed.
- On October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the main testing site will be a drive-thru station at Miller Park in the Miller Parking Lot – east of the stadium by the Tailgate House.
- You do not have to live in Milwaukee to get tested at Miller Park.
- For testing information, call 211 or visit TestUpMKE.
- There are also two smaller testing sites that opened on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- These locations are: 1. The Milwaukee Health Department's Northwest Health Center located at 7360 W. Mill Rd. 2. The Southside Health Center located at 1639 S. 23<sup>rd</sup> St.

#### *Statistics*

- There are 35,090 confirmed cases in Milwaukee County.
- Deaths: 454
- In accordance with HIPAA laws, Milwaukee County will **not** release names or personal information of employees who test positive for COVID-19.

### WISCONSIN UPDATES

#### *Mask Mandate*

- The current face covering mandate expires on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. This applies to every individual, age five and older.
- On October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, a Wisconsin Judge upheld the mask mandate that Governor Evers put into effect.
- The previous mask mandate went into effect on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, and expired on Monday September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

#### *Gatherings Mandate*

- On October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services issued the order which limits public gatherings to 25% of the room or building's capacity.
- On October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, a Wisconsin Judge temporarily blocked the order issued last week.
- The judge's decision stemmed from a lawsuit filed on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, by the Tavern League of Wisconsin.

#### *Statistics*

- Total people tested: 1,877,704
- Positive (Confirmed Cases): 173,891
- Deaths: 1,600

## NATIONWIDE UPDATES

- The number of officially confirmed coronavirus cases has surpassed 40 million, as new surges in the United States and Europe are raising concerns about an escalation of the pandemic. The United States continues to report more cases than any other country
- More than 8,121,000 coronavirus cases and 219,000 fatalities have been reported in the United States since February, and a new surge of infections is shattering records in states that previously escaped the worst of the pandemic.
- House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said on Sunday, 10/18/2020, that a new economic stimulus deal must be reached within 48 hours for the legislation to be approved by Congress before Election Day. Hundreds of billions of dollars from the Cares Act remains uncommitted and may go unspent.



### Interesting Facts

Scientists studying how the coronavirus has spread have concluded that surface transmission is extremely rare. They have traced nearly all outbreaks to airborne respiratory droplets spread from person to person.

We should still wash our hands when out in public, but studies have concluded that people are not getting infected from packages, door handles, or elevator buttons.

Wearing masks, distancing, and moving activities outdoors can help keep us safe.