

# **Urgent News Release #198**

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## **RICHLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERS REVIEW WEEKLY COVID-19 VACCINATION & TESTING EFFORTS**

### **TWO ADDITIONAL COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS REPORTED**

*Richland Center, WI:* A virtual Emergency Operations Center (EOC) meeting was held today to share information between Richland County officials and community partners in a joint response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Public Health Manager/Local Health Officer, Rose Kohout announced that as of 2:00pm Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) confirmed that in the state of Wisconsin there were 724,681 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 7,979 COVID-19 related deaths. In Richland County, Kohout announced that there were 1,714 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 9,051 have tested negative, and there were 2 additional COVID-19 related deaths reported this week; bringing the COVID-19 related death total in Richland County to 20 individuals. Richland County Public Health now has 142 active cases and 119 individuals have been hospitalized at some point. Kohout reports, “while vaccination remains the most effective tool we have to prevent COVID-19, everyone should continue to practice good public health behavior. This means wearing a mask indoors, avoiding large gatherings, staying home when feeling sick, and getting testing if you have symptoms or after close contact.”

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Emergency Management Director, Darin Gudgeon announced the number of individuals tested at COVID-19 community testing events held weekly at the Richland County Fairgrounds. On September 23<sup>rd</sup> 102 individuals were tested and another 65 individuals were tested on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The results of those 167 tests will be included in the appropriate county's totals once they are received and verified.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services reports that as of today 54.3% of Richland County residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 51.8% are fully vaccinated. Richland County citizens age 65 and older who have received at least one dose totals 80.9%. The up-to-date COVID-19 vaccine data can be found at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-data.htm#summary>.

The following updates were announced regarding COVID-19 vaccinations, additional doses, booster doses and testing efforts in Richland County:

### **COVID-19 VACCINATIONS, ADDITIONAL DOSES & BOOSTER DOSES**

The CDC & DHS are now recommending that certain eligibility groups receive a booster dose of Pfizer **at least 6 months after** receiving their second dose of Pfizer. The complete list of those eligible for additional doses and booster doses can be found at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-dose.htm>. The following partners are offering vaccine clinics now **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** in Richland County:

- **Richland County Health & Human Services and Emergency Management** offers FREE COVID-19 vaccinations at Richland County Health & Human Services, 221 W. Seminary Street, Richland Center:

Wednesdays from 8:30am-4:30pm

Pfizer booster doses will be offered BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-649-5795.

- **The Boscobel Pharmacy** offers COVID-19 and Influenza vaccinations at 1028 Wisconsin Avenue, Boscobel. Pfizer booster doses will be offered ON WEDNESDAYS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-375-4466.
- **The Center Pharmacy** offers COVID-19 and Influenza vaccinations at 190 N. Orange Street, Richland Center. Pfizer booster doses will be offered ON THURSDAYS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-8918.
- **The Richland Hospital and Clinic** offers COVID-19 and Influenza vaccinations:  
  
Monday – Friday from 9am-5pm  
  
Pfizer booster doses and Influenza vaccinations will be offered BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-6321.
- **The Spring Green Medical Center** offers COVID-19 vaccinations, Pfizer booster doses and Influenza vaccinations during clinic appointments. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-588-7413.
- **The Muscoda Health Center** offers COVID-19 vaccinations, Pfizer booster doses and Influenza vaccinations during clinic appointments. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-739-3113.

### **COVID-19 TESTING**

The following partners are currently offering COVID-19 testing in Richland County:

- **The Richland Hospital and Clinic** only offers COVID-19 testing from 8am-5pm Monday-Friday to symptomatic individuals or those who have been exposed to COVID-19. Testing on Saturday-Sunday will be evaluated and performed if deemed appropriate by the Emergency Room or Urgent Care Clinic provider. APPOINTMENTS & MASKS ARE REQUIRED. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-6321.
- **The Center Pharmacy/Boscobel Pharmacy** only offers COVID-19 testing to asymptomatic individuals without symptoms or exposure that need a test for school, work or travel from 9-11am Monday-Friday. APPOINTMENTS & MASKS ARE REQUIRED. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-647-8918.
- **Richland County Health & Human Services and Emergency Management** will offer FREE Drive-thru COVID-19 PCR testing to anyone, regardless of symptoms or residency, and will test individuals 1 year of age or older. EVERYONE IN THE VEHICLE, EVEN THOSE NOT BEING TESTED, SHOULD BE WEARING A MASK. PLEASE PRE-REGISTER PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT <https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov>.

The following schedule was announced:

Monday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, October 11 <sup>th</sup>	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, November 8 <sup>th</sup>	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Monday, November 15 <sup>th</sup>	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event

Richland County residents are encouraged to sign-up for NIXLE alerts by texting 53581 to 888777 or go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) to sign-up to receive informational emails. You will then receive up-to-date alerts regarding local COVID testing sites and vaccination clinics, severe weather, public safety, criminal activities, missing persons, traffic issues, and local events.

Richland County Community Partners discussed priority topics to assist with preventing the further transmission of COVID-19 in our community. For the most up-to-date COVID-19 information, follow Richland County Health & Human Services on Facebook or consult the following websites:

- ❖ Richland County:  
<https://covid.co.richland.wi.us>
- ❖ Wisconsin Department of Health Services:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- ❖ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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