

# **Urgent News Release #204**

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

*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, October 27<sup>th</sup> the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) confirmed that in the state of Wisconsin there were 785,906 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 8,442 COVID-19 related deaths. In Richland County, Kohout announced that there were 2,114 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 9,541 have tested negative, and there were 3 additional COVID-19 related deaths reported today; bringing the COVID-19 related death total in Richland County to 24 individuals. Richland County Public Health now has 156 active cases and 138 individuals have been hospitalized at some point.

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 October 21<sup>st</sup> 20 individuals were tested and another 26 individuals were

tested on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The results of those 46 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 55.1% of Richland County residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 53% are fully vaccinated. Richland County citizens age 65 and older who have received at least one dose totals 81.3%. 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 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

**Only Pfizer booster doses will be offered. APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED; WALK-INS ARE WELCOME.** To schedule an appointment, please call 608-649-5795.

- **The Boscobel Pharmacy** offers COVID-19 and Influenza vaccinations at 1028 Wisconsin Avenue, Boscobel EVERY DAY. APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED. Walk-ins based upon supply and wait times vary depending upon staffing levels. 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 EVERY DAY. APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED. Walk-ins based upon supply and wait times vary depending upon staffing levels. 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 or 608-375-4466.
- **FREE Drive-thru COVID-19 PCR Testing** to anyone, regardless of symptoms or residency. 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, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Thursday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>	9am-1pm	Richland County Fairgrounds	National Guard 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
Thursday, November 18 <sup>th</sup>	9am-1pm	Richland County Fairgrounds	National Guard Event
Monday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event

Monday, November 29th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Thursday, December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9am-1pm	Richland County Fairgrounds	National Guard Event
Monday, December 6th	9-11am	Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County Event
Thursday, December 9th	9am-1pm	Richland County Fairgrounds	National Guard 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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