

West Allis & West Milwaukee

COVID-19 Weekly Summary Report

Week of 10/29/2020 to 11/04/2020

+434

New Confirmed Cases in West Allis & West Milwaukee since last report on 10/28/2020

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Date Updated
11/04/2020

Data Source:
Wisconsin
Department of
Health Services
PHAVR - WEDSS

NEGATIVE
Coronavirus
Cases
(State)

1,872,295

POSITIVE
Coronavirus
Confirmed
Cases (State)

244,002

NEGATIVE
Coronavirus
Cases
(West Allis &
West Milwaukee)

19,415

POSITIVE
Coronavirus
Confirmed
Cases
(West Allis &
West Milwaukee)

3,080

***2,400**
Healthy and Out
of Isolation

**COVID-19
RELATED DEATHS**

IN WISCONSIN
2,156

**IN MILWAUKEE
COUNTY**
497

IN WA & WM
48

"CONFIRMED" VS "PROBABLE" COVID-19 CASES EXPLAINED

The West Allis Health Department tracks all COVID-19 cases including both confirmed and probable cases. However, only confirmed COVID-19 cases are counted towards the confirmed cases reported each week.

What is the difference between a confirmed and probable COVID-19 case?

Confirmed case: Individual tests positive for COVID-19 after taking a diagnostic **molecular test**. This is the most accurate test for detecting an active COVID-19 infection.

Probable case: Individual has not had a diagnostic test performed but has a:

- Positive antigen or **antibody test**
- OR has COVID-19 symptoms AND is at high risk for COVID-19 infection (close contact with confirmed positive, healthcare worker, etc.)

Total Probable COVID-19 Cases in West Allis and West Milwaukee:

157

THREE TYPES OF COVID-19 TESTS

MOLECULAR TEST - The most accurate test

The molecular test is used to diagnose active COVID-19 infections. It is the most accurate test and positives are added as a **confirmed COVID-19 case**. On your lab results you might see it labeled as a diagnostic test, viral test, molecular test, nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT), RT-PCR test, or LAMP test. Test results usually take from 1 to 7 days.

***The Northwest Health Center, Southside Health Center and Miller Park drive through test sites use a molecular test. Learn more about local testing locations at: westalliswi.gov/1744/Coronavirus-Test-Locations

ANTIGEN TEST - The fastest test

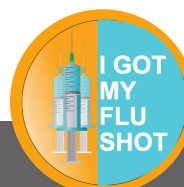
An antigen test, often called a rapid or point-of-care test, is the fastest way to determine an active COVID-19 infection (results take 15 - 60 minutes). Antigen tests are less accurate than molecular tests and as such positive results are marked as **probable COVID-19 cases**. Rapid tests should be used as a screening method in high-risk congregate settings and not as a diagnostic tool.

ANTIBODY TEST - The I already had COVID Test...

An antibody blood test is used to determine if you have already had COVID-19. Antibodies can take several days or weeks to develop after you have an infection. Because of this, antibody tests should not be used to diagnose an active coronavirus infection. Test results often take 1-3 days and positive antibody tests will be recorded as **probable COVID-19 case**.

PRACTICE PREVENTION

VISIT CDC.GOV/COVID19 FOR MORE INFORMATION



Get your flu shot



Stay 6 feet away from others



Wear a Mask



Wash Hands Often

