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## Coronavirus Information and Resources

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*WCMA offers member bulletins regarding coronavirus resources on Mondays and Thursdays, and as news warrants. WCMA delivers electronic newsletters with broader content on Tuesdays. Please contact [WCMA staff](#) with any questions.*

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### OSHA Alliance Issues Guide to Coronavirus Workplace Resources

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's [Alliance](#) program has issued a [guide to resources for employers faced with questions about coronavirus](#) protocols and policies. Dairy processing industry resources are also available at [WisCheeseMakers.org](#).

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### Register for Webinar on Coronavirus Testing Strategy for High-Density Critical Workplaces

Experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Food and Drug Administration, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration will present a webinar on [draft guidance](#) regarding coronavirus testing strategy for high-density critical infrastructure workplaces after identification of a COVID-19 case. [Register now](#) to join in this free Food and Beverage Issue Alliance event on Thursday, July 16 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. (CT).

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### Amid Spike in Coronavirus Cases, Face Mask Mandates Issued and Considered

#### Nationwide

With the number of coronavirus cases now on the rise in 42 American states, some governors are implementing face mask mandates. Here's a summary of mandates issued within the past week.

- New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy signed an executive order Wednesday

- requiring the use of face coverings in public.
- Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Tuesday issued a mandate for the use of face masks in seven counties where COVID-19 is rapidly spreading.
  - Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued an order on July 2 mandating the use of face masks in every county with 20 or more cases of COVID-19. Violators are first warned, and then subject to a \$250 fine.
  - West Virginia Governor Jim Justice issued a mandate requiring able-bodied citizens age nine and up to wear face masks.

Face masks are also now broadly required in California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, Virginia, and Washington.

Minnesota Governor Tim [Walz said today a decision on a statewide face mask mandate is coming soon](#).

### Wisconsin

In Wisconsin, Governor Tony Evers this week signaled he may [try to implement a face mask mandate](#) statewide, though he expects a legal battle. Earlier today, [Evers ordered all state employees to begin wearing face masks](#) when at work, and extended the closure of state buildings to the public. Assembly Speaker Robin [Vos \(R-Rochester\) stated he believes a mandate is the right of local government, but called statewide action unnecessary](#).

On Tuesday, [Dane County officials became the first in Wisconsin to issue a face mask mandate](#), scheduled to take effect Monday. Other communities are also considering mandates. Here's a look at news coverage of this issue:

- *WITI-TV*: [Shorewood mask mandate for anyone 4+ passes](#)
- *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*: [City of Milwaukee proposal would require masks in public places, including indoors and outdoors within 30 feet of others](#)
- *WAOW-TV*: [Marathon County to require employees to wear masks](#)
- *WMTV-TV*: [Dane County businesses hold firm to mask mandate](#)
- *KQDS-TV*: [As COVID-19 cases rise in Douglas County, Superior mayor moves toward face mask mandate](#)

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## Launch of COVID Connect Speeds Wisconsin Coronavirus Testing

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers today announced members of the state's National Guard are completing 40 percent more coronavirus tests per hour, following the [launch of COVID Connect](#), which allows a patient to register for a test from their phone. The program was tested this week at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, and will now be used at all National Guard testing sites in Wisconsin.

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## Coronavirus Headline News

### Dairy Industry

- *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*: [Milk prices surge, easing dairy farm losses - but for how long?](#)
- *Sacramento Business Journal*: [California agriculture could lose \\$8.6 billion to COVID-19 crisis](#)

- [New York Daily News: American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall to miss White House dinner after COVID-19 diagnosis](#)

## Wisconsin

- [Appleton Post-Crescent: Nearly two-thirds of Wisconsin counties have high coronavirus activity levels as state reports 598 new cases](#)
- [WLUK-TV: Coronavirus activity, hospitalizations growing in Wisconsin](#)
- [KBJR-TV: Wisconsin businesses voice concern over being named if linked to COVID-19 cases](#)
- [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: Republican Assembly members propose forgivable loan program to help those waiting on unemployment](#)
- [Wisconsin State Journal: Wisconsin joins federal lawsuit over pandemic relief funds for private schools](#)

## National/International

- [FOX News: Wearing a masks cuts your own risk of coronavirus by 65 percent, experts say](#)
- [ABC News: Major retailers to states: mandate face mask wearing now](#)
- [The Hill: CDC won't revise school opening guidelines, in spite of Trump criticism](#)
- [Político: 'People can't ignore it anymore': Across the country, minorities hit hardest by pandemic](#)
- [Washington Post: GOP eyes narrowing second round of \\$1,200 stimulus payments](#)
- [FOX Business: SBA defends PPP loans to restaurant chains, billionaire-backed businesses as 'exceptions'](#)

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## Visit [WisCheeseMakers.org](https://www.wischeesemakers.org) for More Resources

WCMA will provide links to new and timely coronavirus resources for members in these bulletins, but we want to alert you that we update our coronavirus resources page on [WisCheeseMakers.org](https://www.wischeesemakers.org) daily. Please visit the page for additional information on employee safety, regulatory flexibility, operations guidance, federal and state support, and ways to salute your critical, essential staff.

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## WCMA Key Contacts

WCMA staff is continuously reaching out to dairy manufacturer and processor members throughout this crisis to identify ways we can be of service. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at any time. Here are ways to get in touch.

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