



## COVID-19 Information Release- **Update 05-14-2020**

As part of the COVID-19 response, and an abundance of precaution to prevent unnecessary spread of the virus the City will be enforcing the recent order from Rock County regarding restrictions of public interaction.

- **Safer at Home Order** - First Evansville Police Department would like to thank the citizens of Evansville for their support. This community has always stepped up in times of need and takes great care of each other. The Police Department and the community have a long history of working together to solve problems. We intend to continue working with our community, health experts, emergency management team, and legal advisors to find the best ways to keep everyone as safe as possible as it relates to COVID-19. These are uncertain and unprecedented times and please understand much is not known about this virus and everyone is working hard to learn as much as they can and get back to “normal”.

We at Evansville PD recognize the stress and confusion caused by the recent decision put out by the Wisconsin Supreme Court. We hope we can clear up some of your concerns.

- ✓ Evansville Police Department will enforce the Rock County Health Departments order dated 05/13/20. Local governments are granted these powers under Wisconsin State Statue and this is acknowledged in the State Supreme Court ruling.
- ✓ The City adopted ordinance 82-33 which allows for municipal citations to be issued for violations of such orders. The fine amount for violation of 82-33(a) is \$376.00.
- ✓ Evansville Police Department thus far has not had to issue any citation to any person(s) or businesses as it relates to the order by the Governor or Rock County Health Department. Our main objective will remain to educate the public in an effort to keep them safe.

As we see an increase of COVID-19 cases in Rock County we encourage everyone to practice social distancing, follow the guidelines and restrictions set up by the Rock County Health Department and CDC.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>  
<https://www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth>

Furthermore the City has made some changes to service, extended restriction or is continuing existing restrictions in service and personal interaction.

- **Solid Waste Collection** – Starting June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Advance Disposal shall resume collection of bulky waste at the curbside. The City will leave the bulky waste dumpster at the yard waste recycling site available until June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- **Brush Collection.** Curbside collection by the City has resumed. The yard waste drop off site is still available at its regular hours of operation. Please use social distancing practices while you are dropping off yard waste.
- **Play Ground Equipment, Parks and Recreation.** As part of the Rock County’s order to continue the “Safe at Home” practices the parks will remain open for individuals and families however all playground equipment should not be used and is closed to the public. All organized games and sports are still suspended under this order. We will update the public soon on what summer programs can safely resume, what programs may be cancelled or what programs may be altered.
- **Municipal Court.** Until July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 or upon further order of the Court, non-emergency appearances before the Court are suspended. The Court Clerk shall inform, in writing, all defendants who currently have cases pending before the Court of this order, and specifically, changes in court appearance dates and times of their cases. Please contact [court.clerk@ci.evansville.wi.gov](mailto:court.clerk@ci.evansville.wi.gov) or call the Municipal Court at 608-490-0544 with any questions.
- **Police.** The police department will still be responding to emergency situations, however to reduce the risk some interviews, information and non-essential/emergency services may be conducted virtually, over the phone or by appointment. The Police Station lobby is still closed to the public and when this changes notice will be given to the public. If you need to visit the station call 608-882-2292 or use the call box outside the main door.
- **Water and Electric Services.** Governor Evers declared on March 20, 2020 that utilities should provide assistance to utility rate payers in these difficult times and the Public Service Commission has given utilities some leniency in making those provisions. There has been no provided date on when these provisions are to be lifted or revised. This order was not part of the emergency order recently overturned by the State Supreme Court.
  - The City will waive late fees.
  - We have suspended disconnections excluding those disconnections that may be for safety reasons.
  - We are suspending deposit requirements.We are currently reassessing our payment agreement standards to assist rate payers in these difficult times once the order is lifted.
- **Peddler Permits.** All peddler permit applications and active permits are still suspended for all businesses going door to door solicitation. Mobile businesses that require a peddler’s permit, but remain stationary and comply with the Governor’s Executive Order, may remain active and seek renewal.

- **Permits and Inspections.** All applications for building permits and variances shall be conducted via email or regular mail. Please contact Jason Sergeant, the Community Development Director ([jason.sergeant@ci.evansville.wi.gov](mailto:jason.sergeant@ci.evansville.wi.gov)) or Larry Schalk, Building Inspector ([larry.schalk@ci.evansville.wi.gov](mailto:larry.schalk@ci.evansville.wi.gov)) for submissions or concerns.
- **Park Shelter Rental.** The City is no longer taking shelter rental applications and deposits at the moment. The City will release more information once a decision on when, what shelters and if any limits are to be put in place is made.
- **City Hall Closing.** City Hall will remain closed to the public until at least June 15. Staff are assessing the ability to provide in person service for utility services and billing with proper protection, sanitation and social distancing in place. Opening City Hall for in person transactions will be incremental and at first limited to the most essential of services that cannot be completed electronically, through postal service or other socially distant methods.
- **Library.** The Eager Free Library will remain closed to the public until further notice. Staff are working diligently to find new ways to provide services to our patrons. Curbside collection and drop off is now available. Please visit <https://www.als.lib.wi.us/EFPL/> for more information.
- **EMS.** Our Emergency Medical Responders need your assistance. Please avoid calling for EMS assistance unless it is absolutely medically necessary. There is limited personal protective equipment available and we do not wish to expended personal protective equipment for non-emergent calls.
- **Open Meetings.** The City of Evansville is conducting their public meetings virtually. Please visit the City Website for updated agendas with instructions on how to attend these meetings virtually.

Please use caution in protecting yourself and others, even if you do not feel sick. The incubation period of COVID – 19 is approximately 2-14 days after exposure before signs of sickness appear. Some people may be asymptomatic and mistake their infection, increasing chances of transmitting the virus to those who may be less able to fight the virus. Wash your hands regularly, cough into your elbow, and avoid unnecessary traveling.

While some communities and counties in Wisconsin are experiencing downward trends in COVID cases there is concern the Rock County has not yet hit its peak rate of infection. This is all the more reason for residents in Rock County to use an abundance of precaution. Latest estimated peak will occur in mid-June, 2020.

**Attachment A:** Rock County Order as of 05-13-2020

**Attachment B:** Rock County rate of Infection as of 05-08-2020

**Attachment C:** Ordinance 2020-08

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## South Office

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## ORDER OF THE ROCK COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

May 13, 2020

**PLEASE BE ADVISED:** Violation of, or failure to comply with, this Order is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§ 252.03 & 252.25.

WHEREAS, the Rock County Public Health Officer finds the following:

1. An easily transmissible viral infection known as the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) that causes an acute respiratory disease known as COVID-19 has resulted in a worldwide pandemic involving over 4.3 million sick world-wide, and almost 300,000 deaths.
2. COVID-19 is present and being actively transmitted throughout Rock County, and as of the date of this order, there are 380 confirmed positive cases and 13 COVID-19 related deaths.
3. The most effective way to prevent, control and suppress COVID-19 is for State Officials and the State Legislature to work together and implement a state-wide approach. That has not occurred, and therefore it is reasonable and necessary to take local actions pursuant to the authority vested in the Local Public Health Officer under Wis. Stat. §§ 252.03 and 252.25.
4. An effective, reasonable, and necessary means of slowing the spread of COVID-19, continuing to flatten the curve, keeping our hospital resources from being overwhelmed, and saving the lives of the residents of Rock County is to impose a local safer at home order consistent with DHS Emergency Order #28.
5. As the rate of transmission declines, it may be advisable and safe to "open back up" consistent with the Badger Bounce Back plan, local data and modeling, and in a way consistent with and implemented by DHS Emergency Orders #34 and #36, "Interim Order to Turn the Dial."

NOW THEREFORE, according to the authority granted to the Public Health Officer under section 252.03 of the Wisconsin Statutes, I, the Rock County Public Health Officer do hereby adopt the provisions of Wisconsin Department of Health Services Emergency Orders #28, #34, and #36, which are reasonable and necessary for the prevention and suppression of the COVID-19 disease in Rock County, and are hereby adopted as an Order of the Rock County Public Health Department. This order is effective immediately, and shall remain in effect until 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marie-Noel Sandoval".

Marie-Noel Sandoval  
Rock County Public Health Officer



# Rock County Estimates for COVID-19

Updated 5/8/2020

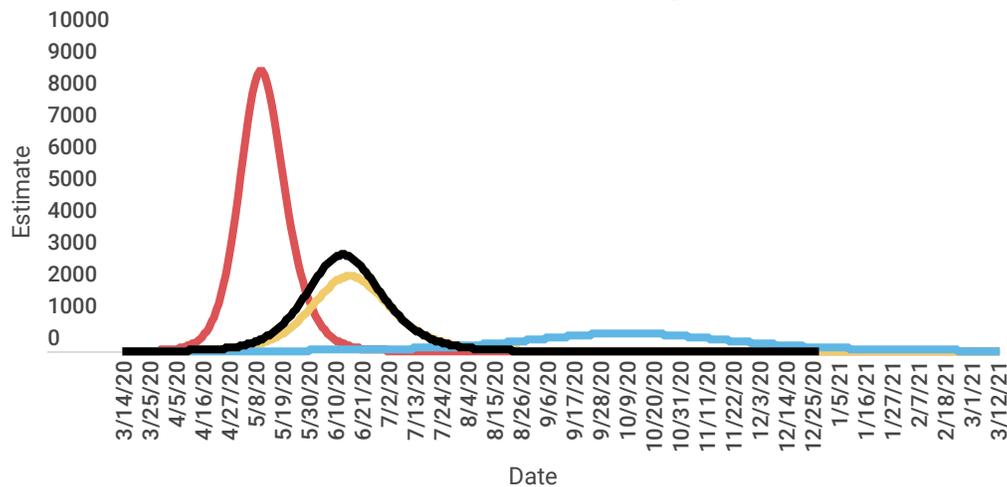
The Rock County Public Health Department has been working on estimating the number of people who could be infected with COVID-19 and who could be hospitalized due to the virus over the next several weeks. The following information was used to create these estimates:

- These numbers are "ball-park" estimates
- The projections use a number of assumptions
- There are many factors that can affect the actual number of people infected that are not accounted for by these projections
- These models are useful for motivating action to prevent worst-case scenarios

The three lines below represent different scenarios

1. The **red** line shows what might happen based on limited or no adherence to the Safer at Home orders
2. The **yellow** line shows what might happen if about half of the population adhere to the Safer at Home orders
3. The **blue** line shows what might happen if almost everyone follows the Safer at Home orders
4. The **black** line shows the projection based on the current number of infections in Rock County

## Model Estimates for the Number of People who could be infected with COVID-19 in Rock County



- Projected Number of Infected (Limited or No Adherence)
  - Projected Number of Infected (Moderate Adherence)
  - Projected Number of Infected (Strict Adherence)
  - Projection based on Current Number of Infections
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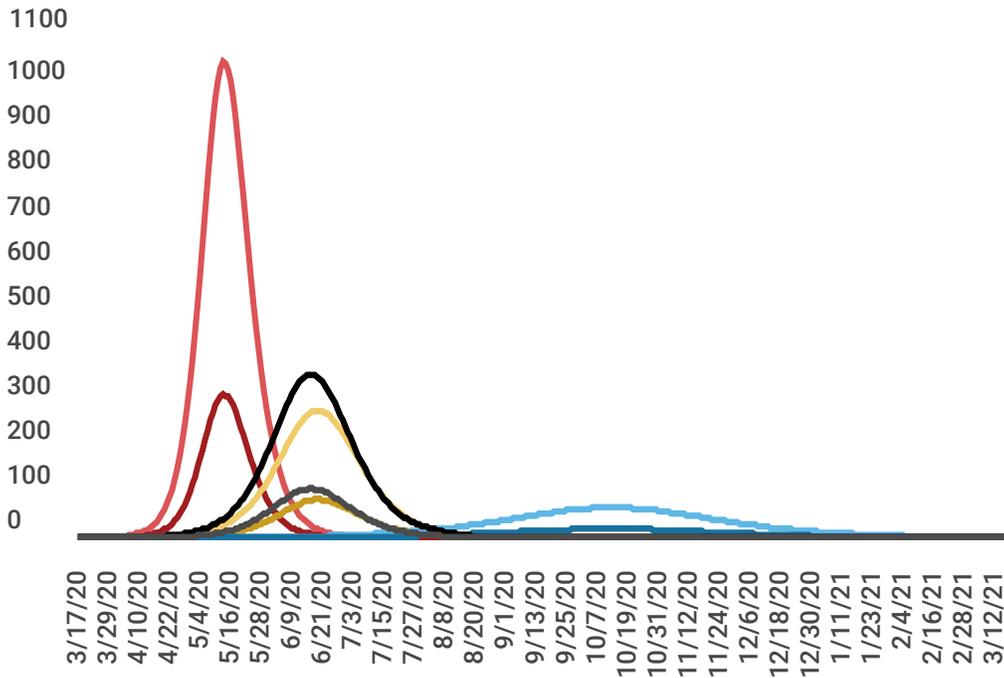
The graph below estimates the number of patients who could be hospitalized from COVID-19. It also includes the number of patients who will need critical care, which could include

- 12% of people testing positive for COVID-19 will require hospitalization
- 30% of the patients who are hospitalized will need critical care (i.e. treatment in intensive care unit, ventilator, etc.)
- Source for these estimates: [Imperial College COVID-19 Response Team Paper](#)

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### Model Estimates for the Number of Hospitalizations and Patients Needing Critical Care for COVID-19 in Rock County



- Projected Hospitalizations (Based on Limited or No Adherence)
- Projected Number of Patients who Require Intensive Care (Based on Limited or No A...
- Projected Hospitalizations (Moderate Adherence)
- Projected Number of Patients who Require Intensive Care (Moderate Adherence)
- Projected Hospitalizations (Strict Adherence)
- Projected Number of Patients who Require Intensive Care (Strict Adherence)
- Projected Hospitalizations (Based on current data)
- Projected Number of Patients who Require Intensive Care (Based on current data)



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**CITY OF EVANSVILLE  
ORDINANCE #2020-08**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 82 – OFFENSE  
AGAINST GOVERNMENTAL ADMINISTRATION**

The Common Council of the City of Evansville, Rock County, Wisconsin, do amend Chapter 82 as follows:

**Sec. 82-33 Emergency Provisions.** From time to time the City may need to declare, or uphold declarations, directions and orders of Federal, State and County officials, in the interest of public safety, health and security.

- a. The City of Evansville, Wisconsin, hereby adopts section 252.25 of the Wisconsin statutes, and any future amendments thereto. As of the date of the adoption, that section of the state statute substantially states: Any person who willfully violates or obstructs the execution of any state statute or rule, county, city or village ordinance or departmental order under this chapter and relating to the public health, for which no other penalty is prescribed, shall be fined not more than \$500.
- b. The City of Evansville, Wisconsin, hereby adopts section 323.28 of the Wisconsin statutes, and any future amendments thereto. As of the date of the adoption, that section of the state statute substantially states: Whoever intentionally fails to comply with an order issued by an agent of the state or of a local unit of government who is engaged in emergency management activities, including training exercises, is subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$200.
- c. In addition to the provisions of subsections (a) and (b), it shall be a violation for any person to violate or obstruct the execution of any other state, county, or city order relating to the public health, safety, or emergency response.

Secs. 82-334--82-60. Reserved.

Passed and adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020

  
Bill Hurtley, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Judy L. Walton, Clerk

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