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WI COVID-19 by the Numbers

Total Positive Cases	724,681
Total Deaths	7,979
Total Individuals Hospitalized	38,834

[DHS's Wisconsin Case Data](#)

WI Vaccine Distribution by the Number of Doses

Total Administered	6,347,365
Johnson & Johnson	265,488
Pfizer	3,596,831
Moderna	2,485,046

Check out the [latest data about Wisconsin's progress!](#)

Numbers Updated 09/30/2021

Upcoming Webinar Topics

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Housekeeping — A Clean Space is a Safe Space

Why does housekeeping matter if I am not running a hotel?

Untidy workplaces can result in low quality products, OSHA citations, injuries, and even death. Walkways that are filled with debris, even small objects or dust, can lead to slips, trips, and falls as well as prevent a smooth exit in emergency situations. Workspaces that are disorderly can reduce productivity by increasing workplace distractions, reducing employees ability to find the right tools, materials, or equipment, and increasing the probability of contamination of your product requiring duplication.

How can OSHA cite me for housekeeping violations?

OSHA has specific [construction](#) and [maritime industry](#) housekeeping standards. All of the following general industry standards address housekeeping; [walking and working surfaces](#), [flammable and combustible liquids](#), [explosive and blasting agents](#), [sanitation](#), [materials handling and storage](#), [grain handling facilities](#), [asbestos](#), [inorganic arsenic](#), [lead](#), [chromium VI](#), [cadmium](#), [bloodborne pathogens](#), [1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane](#), [acrylonitrile](#), [formaldehyde](#), [methylenedianiline](#), [silica](#), and the [ETS](#).

How do I improve housekeeping in my workplace?

Clean up regularly throughout the day and at the end of each shift. Properly dispose of trash and debris, increase the number of trash receptacles if needed. Properly store and dispose of flammable materials. Report and track hazards as they occur.

Spotlight Corner — Kelli Rush

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COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Testing Strategy for the Workplace

What are the benefits of Rapid Testing?

Rapid tests are important screening tools to help you protect your employees, customers, their families and the community where they live.

Not everyone who has COVID-19 will show symptoms. Studies suggest that people without symptoms may cause up to 60% of COVID-19 transmission. You can help reduce the risk of outbreaks by regularly testing and screening your employees.

Regular rapid tests provide an extra layer of defense against the spread of the virus.

Why participate in workplace testing?

Combined with existing public health measures, regular screening through rapid testing can help:

- identify positive cases early, including those with no symptoms
- prevent the spread of COVID-19 in your workplace and community
- keep businesses open

How do rapid tests work?

Rapid antigen tests work by performing a lower nostril nasal swab (not the deeper nasopharyngeal swab) and every-

thing that is needed (swab, test card and reagent solution) is included in the self test kit box. Each test kit comes with an illustrated quick reference guide to walk you through the process step by step.

How long does it take to get results?

Users get results in 15 minutes

What happens if a worker tests positive?

- They seek a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test to confirm the diagnosis
- Continue to follow all local public health measures as well as isolation and quarantine advice

Should vaccinated individuals get tested regularly?

Yes, while vaccines are highly effective, there is still a small chance that even if you are fully vaccinated you can become infected and spread COVID-19 to others.

How do I procure rapid tests for my workplace?

Visit the FDA's EUA [webpage](#) on Antigen Diagnostic tests to determine which rapid test might be best for your business. Under the Attributes column, look for "lateral flow" and "visual read".

Fire Prevention Week: October 3—9, 2021

October is the month for many national awareness campaigns, one of which is National Fire Prevention Month. This year, the week of October 3-9 has been branded Fire Prevention Week. Information on how you can get involved is available on the NFPA's [website](#).

Now may be a great time to dust off and review your fire prevention plans and schedule the annual servicing of your portable fire extinguishers. Speaking of which, did you know that portable fire extinguishers should be visually inspected monthly? That's right, OSHA's portable fire extinguishers standard ([29 CFR 1910.157](#)) requires that portable fire extinguishers undergo a monthly visual inspection. These inspections can be performed by someone designated at your worksite.

A monthly visual inspection checklist should include:

- Checking that the extinguisher is present and accessible,

- Looking for the maintenance tag to ensure that the extinguisher isn't overdue for annual servicing,
- Examining the pressure gauge to determine if it's within the recommended ranges so that it is charged and ready for use,
- Observing that the nameplate is visible,
- Ensuring that the extinguisher is full by lifting it up or weighing it,
- Looking for physical damage such as rust or dents,
- Confirming that the tamper is on and the locking pin is in place, and
- Documenting the inspection.



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