

Governor Evers Sets Up State COVID-19 Voluntary Isolation Facilities

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Governor Evers today announced the State of Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) is opening two state-run voluntary isolation facilities in Madison and Milwaukee and is providing guidance to local communities throughout Wisconsin. The two sites are set to open April 1, 2020 are at Lowell Center in Madison and a Super 8 hotel in Milwaukee.

These facilities are for symptomatic individuals suspected to be infected with COVID-19 or who have a confirmed case of COVID-19. Individuals will not be permitted to register at the facility unless referred by a medical provider or public health official. Individuals register and stay at the isolation facility on a voluntary basis. The expected length of stay will be about 14 days, or 72 hours after symptoms dissipate. At any time, either the individual or the facility may terminate the individual's presence at the site. Those staying at the facility will have wellness checks by phone every four hours during the day and if needed at night.

Additionally, the SEOC also issued guidance for communities seeking to open their own voluntary self-isolation centers. This guidance will aid local communities with the following:

- How do we select, set up, and staff an isolation site?
- How does a person get referred to and checked into the isolation site?
- What happens while occupants are at the isolation site? Including details about medical monitoring/wellness check calls and other on-site services.
- When do occupants leave the site? Including details about discharge and involuntary check out from the isolation site.

The full press release is available online ([link](#)).