



# COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE

Because information is changing quickly, WVLS will send out an email each weekday around 9 a.m., featuring new developments for our member libraries related to COVID-19.

## 1) What's New on the [WVLS COVID-19 Webpage](#)

- Status of Member Libraries (If your library wants to add additional information about being closed or who to contact, please notify the Help Desk at [help@librarieswin.org](mailto:help@librarieswin.org)).

## 2) Latest Developments Regarding the Wisconsin April 7 Election

- The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot has passed.
- On April 2, federal Judge Conley extended the deadline by which municipal clerks must receive completed absentee ballots by 6 days to **4 p.m. Monday, April 13**.
- On emergency appeal from the state Republican Party, a 3-judge appellate federal panel overruled Judge Conley late Friday, April 3, on the issue of requiring a witness signature. Per that decision, return envelopes for all absentee ballots must still be signed by a witness to be valid. The appeal left the April 13 submission deadline in place. [Read more](#).

## 3) Staying Together: COVID-19 Discussions

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 7, at 1 p.m. Because WVLS is closed on Friday, this will be the only meeting this week. To Join:

URL: [https://bluejeans.com/715397297139731?src=join\\_info](https://bluejeans.com/715397297139731?src=join_info)

Call in: 1.888.748.9073 or +1.844.540.8065

Meeting ID: 715 397 297 139 731

The recording from the discussion on Friday, April 3, [is posted here](#).

#### **4) Governor Briefings**

[Watch the latest DHS WI/Governor's media briefing](#) at 1:30 PM Today (Monday, April 6).

Briefings are usually held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. Previous briefings, as well as the Resilient Wisconsin playlist are archived at the [DHS WI YouTube channel](#).

#### **5) DHS WI Offers Resilient Wisconsin Web Resources**

[Wisconsin is resilient. And resilience is our way forward.](#)

- Resilient Wisconsin will help us grow as a state in the face of COVID-19.
- We know many of you are experiencing this stress on the frontlines of the pandemic. We can't change our current reality, but we can change how we react to that stress.
- As we work to flatten the curve, see the dedication of our first responders and health care professionals. It is admirable, and it is surely also exhausting.
- You are not alone. We are in this together. [Do not hesitate to ask for help if you're feeling overwhelmed.](#)

#### **6) Public Libraries' Novel Response to a Novel Virus (article)**

America's public libraries have led the ranks of "second responders," stepping up for their communities in times of natural or manmade disasters, like hurricanes, floods, shootings, fires, and big downturns in individual lives.

Throughout all these events, libraries have stayed open, filling in for the kids when their schools closed; offering therapeutic sessions in art or conversation or writing after losses of life; bringing in nurses or social workers when services were unavailable to people; and hiring life-counselors for the homeless, whom they offer shelter and safety during the day. [Read more.](#)