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Sheboygan nonprofit serving meals to people in quarantine



Fresh Meals on Wheels staff work packing meals during the pandemic. The organization has seen an increased need for meals for the homebound. SUBMITTED

Fresh Meals on Wheels has worked through the pandemic. Now, they need volunteers.

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SHEBOYGAN - As the pandemic quickly progressed and food pantries accommodated higher numbers while following new protocols to keep volunteers and clients safe, Fresh Meals on Wheels of Sheboygan County had its work cut out for it.

Serving medically complex, tailored meals to an already higher-risk population meant changes had to be made.

"We need to focus on health first," said CEO Kelly Anderson.

After months serving a week's worth of meals at a time, volunteers were going to go back to delivering meals daily in November, but that was postponed after Wisconsin's COVID-19 cases skyrocketed in recent weeks.

Fresh Meals on Wheels delivers meals to



Volunteers have changed - only adults who haven't traveled, used public transit or been ill can make deliveries. Volunteers stick to their delivery routes to make contact tracing easier and they can't bring their kids with them anymore.

people who are homebound and have difficulty preparing nutritious food for themselves. The program also serves people who need help short-term, like after a surgery or recovering from an illness. If clients can pay for the service, they do, but many people rely on financial assistance.

In addition to its existing client base, others have needed meals delivered during the pandemic for a variety of reasons. The organization has delivered meals to people who tested positive and were quarantining, leaving them unable to go to the grocery store, providing them food through contactless delivery. Others who normally have someone bring them groceries have needed Fresh Meals on Wheels to bring them food when the person who normally helps them needs to quarantine, Anderson said.

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COVID-19 UPDATE

County sees 2nd week with 700 new cases

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SHEBOYGAN - Sheboygan County reported more than 700 new COVID-19 cases for the second week in a row this week, the highest numbers the county has seen over the course of the pandemic.

The county started the week with 674 active cases Monday, which grew to more than 1,000 mid-week. Friday, there were 971 active cases and 20 in the hospital.

Public Health's daily update said the county has had a total of 4,202 cases and 2,351 have recovered. A total of 125 people have been hospitalized in the county with COVID-19.

The county's total case number includes 856 cases at Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution, but the prison's numbers aren't included in the other fields the county reports. The Department of Corrections listed 45 cases at the prison as active Friday.

Public Health announced four deaths this week, bringing the county's total to 24.

Of the 24 dead, one was in their 30s, one in their 40s, two in their 50s, four in their 60s, seven in their 70s and nine older than 80.

Public Health said Friday it is routinely evaluating data and recommendations it gives to the community regarding the pandemic to make sure it is providing the most up-to-date guidance.

The Sheboygan County Safe Restart

Plan was implemented in May as a tool to assess the level of risk in the county. It has been updated every week, and for the large majority of that time, the county has stayed in phase two.

However, the Restart Plan metrics and the School Risk Status Indicators were not updated this week.

Instead, Public Health is aligning its recommendations with those from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Those recommendations include the following:

- Follow state mandates for face coverings and limiting indoor public gatherings to 25% capacity;
- Businesses should follow WEDC guidelines;
- Work remotely when possible;

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