

A message to Tech Summit participants

The annual Wisconsin Tech Summit is right around the corner. We'll welcome people to Lambeau Field on Sunday, March 15, and Monday, March 16.

General registration is open through **5 p.m. Wednesday** at wistechsummit.com.

As we prepare to gather in Green Bay, we want to assure you the Wisconsin Technology Council is following the news about the COVID-19 virus, internationally and domestically.

We understand you may be concerned about COVID-19 and how it may affect you and your participation in the conference. We are committed to the health and safety of our members, registrants, sponsors and staff, which is why we will continue to provide updates as the news around COVID-19 evolves.

Remember that COVID-19 spreads much like the flu. Below are tips from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to keep you and those around you healthy:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water and scrub for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, and cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Also, remember it's not too late to get your flu vaccine! Wisconsin has been hit hard by the flu and other respiratory viruses this year.

While the current Wisconsin risk level of COVID-19 is low, at this year's Tech Summit we would all understand if you want to replace handshakes and hugs with friendly waves and elbow bumps!

We also understand you may wish to communicate with others about COVID-19. Please find below some messaging and information with important links to keep you updated on the latest information.

Travel recommendations

While Wisconsin has had one case of COVID-19 from an outside traveler, the case was quarantined quickly and there have been no further reported instances through March 9. This individual is no longer ill.

While the U.S. government has not suggested limiting domestic travel or imposing restrictions on international inbound travel beyond those already in place, please be mindful this could be a rapidly evolving situation.

At this time, authorities have not issued any guidance that is specific to travel and meetings in Wisconsin or the United States.

For the latest travel alerts, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

Health risks to travelers

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is working closely with local health teams and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. With this evolving situation, we encourage the traveling

public to follow guidance offered by the CDC and associated public health authorities. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

When it comes to the American public, the CDC is consistent in its precaution to practice daily preventative measures to help stop the spread of germs, as is typical in the current flu and respiratory disease season.

U.S. health officials are urging the same personal best practices that are standard for typical flu season (See State of Wisconsin health tips list above).

Additional resources

- **Center for Disease Control:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>
- **Wisconsin Department of Public Health and Environment COVID-19 Info:** <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>
- **General questions about COVID-19:** CDC: [2019 Novel Coronavirus web page](#) CDC: [Novel coronavirus information for travelers](#)
- **The U.S. Travel Association** [Emergency Preparedness and Response: Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)