



**Wisconsin  
Cancer  
Collaborative**  
REDUCING THE BURDEN TOGETHER

# Cancer Care in Our New World

*What cancer treatment looks like in  
the wake of COVID-19*

*May 13, 2020*

# *Before we get started...*

The **Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative** is a statewide coalition of **140 organizations** working together to reduce the burden of cancer **for everyone** in Wisconsin.

We connect our members with the **tools**, **support**, and **knowledge** they need to create healthier communities.

## Wisconsin Cancer Plan 2015-2020



[www.wicancer.org](http://www.wicancer.org)



# Agenda

- *Wisconsin COVID-19 Update – DHS*
- *Treatment Recommendations*
- *Member Experiences*
- *Q&A*
- *Closing Remarks*

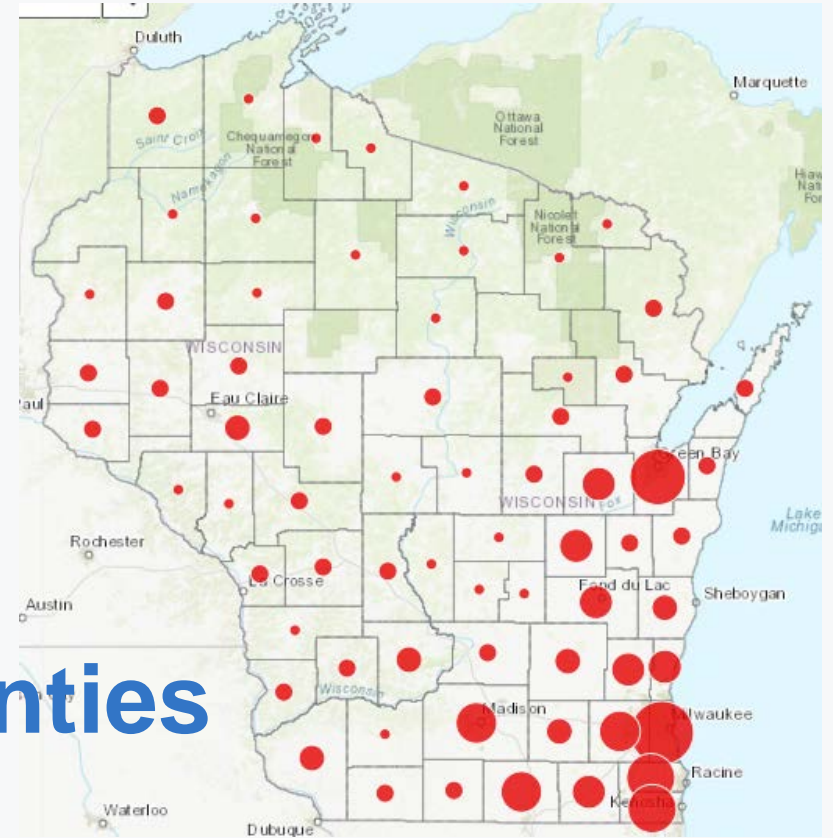
# Wisconsin Update

Dr. Mark Wegner, Chronic Disease Medical Advisor, Division of Public Health

As of May 13<sup>th</sup>, Wisconsin has:

- 117,111 negative test results
- 10,902 positive test results
- 1,908 hospitalizations
- 421 deaths

68 of Wisconsin's 72 counties  
have positive cases



[www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/)

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COVID-19  
**disproportionately**  
**impacts** certain  
communities in  
Wisconsin



<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm>

# *Cancer Treatment and COVID-19*



**Dr. Noelle LoConte**  
*UW Carbone Cancer Center*

***Dr. Noelle LoConte discusses  
COVID-19's Implications on  
Cancer Treatment***

# COVID-19, Addressing the Local Black Community

Webinar from 4/23/2020

Features **doctors** from within UW Carbone Cancer Center & the UW School of Medicine & Public Health

**Addresses** the local Black community about **COVID-19** basics, prevention & resources

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COVID-19  
Addressing the local Black Community

UW School of Medicine & Public Health

Joshua Wright - Facilitator	Danubia Hester, M.D.
Sheryl Henderson, M.D., PhD	Tracy Downs, M.D.
Sancia Ferguson, M.D., MPH	Noelle LoConte, M.D.

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# What are Cancer Centers Doing?

- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, many major cancer centers are:
  - Screening procedures
  - Distancing and minimizing visits
  - PPE
  - Engaging in telehealth meetings
  - Providing COVID-19 hotline and response teams
  - Placing restrictions on employee business travel
- *American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) further recommends home collection of routine laboratory samples and home infusion of chemotherapy drugs whenever possible*





# Considerations for cancer patients in treatment

- Patients should discuss with their doctor the benefits and risks of continuing, reducing, or delaying treatment.
- Discuss goals of care and tailor therapy based on those
- Patients can:
  - Inquire about ability to be on an oral chemotherapy regimen, if possible
  - Inquire about home lab monitoring
  - Minimize frequency of visits however possible (For example, a port may be flushed less frequently)



# Member Experience

*How are some WI Cancer Collaborative members handling cancer treatment in the wake of COVID-19?*



## UW Health

Dr. Noelle LoConte  
*Medical Oncologist*



## Marshfield Clinic

Criss Gutsch  
*Regional Oncology  
Manager*



***Thank you!***

***QUESTIONS?***

# *June Networking Webinar - Registration Open!*

## “COVID-19, Cancer Screenings, & Vaccines”

In response to COVID-19, fewer people are visiting their health care providers. How can we ensure patients are still getting the cancer screenings and vaccines they need?

This webinar will examine cancer screening and vaccine delivery challenges and opportunities resulting from the pandemic.



**Register here:** <https://wicancer.org/events/webinars/>

# New Resource!

## Check out our new COVID-19 & Cancer social media tool-kit!


**Social Distancing and Cancer**

Cancer patients are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 because their immune systems are often weakened from cancer and its treatment.

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**Cancer Survivors and COVID-19**

Cancer survivors can protect their health while staying "safer at home" by healthy eating, exercising, not smoking, and consuming minimal alcohol.

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**How to Stay Healthy While Staying Safer at Home**

- Healthy Eating
- Exercise
- Avoid smoking and vaping
- Limit your alcohol intake

ALL of these behaviors can lower your cancer risk!

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**Cancer Screenings and COVID-19**

Many clinics are reducing in-person appointments to protect patients and preserve resources.

Cancer screenings save lives - don't forget to reschedule.

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**Cancer Treatment and COVID-19**

Cancer treatments may be changed or delayed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Talk with your doctor to learn how your treatment might be affected.

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# Resources

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# Resources Continued

- **American Society of Clinical Oncology:**
  - [ASCO Coronavirus Resources](#)
  - [COVID-19 Clinical Oncology Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)
  - [Cancer Care in the Time of COVID-19](#)
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:**
  - [Healthcare Professionals: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#)
- **National Comprehensive Cancer Network:**
  - [NCCN: How to Manage Cancer Care during COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- **UW-Health:**
  - [Precautions for Cancer Patients](#)