

EXCLUSIVE: Wisconsin Has Reverse Spike As State Covid Hospitalizations Plummet

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More than two and a half weeks since the beginning of protests that many feared would cause a spike in Covid cases in Wisconsin, the opposite appears to be occurring. The number of patients in Wisconsin hospitals with Coronavirus is dropping significantly.

According to state Department of Health Services figures, the number of in-patient Covid individuals in state hospitals is down to 244, the lowest number in ten weeks and down sharply in the past week.

The state's largest hospital chain, Advocate Aurora, has only 64 patients in the entire system despite having multiple hospitals in southeast

Wisconsin. Things could certainly change and upward spikes have occurred in other states, but Wisconsin's numbers are on an extended downward trend. There were fears that the thousands of individuals ignoring guidance on social distancing by participating in protests would cause a significant spike. That simply hasn't happened. The numbers have gone down. It generally takes 14 days from exposure to the onset of the worst symptoms and the protests are still going on but so far there is no correlation between the protest activity and virus hospitalizations.

Despite the statewide decline in Covid hospitalizations, Madison remains on significant restrictions and Milwaukee continues to limit capacity in bars and restaurants and many major offices remain essentially empty. All sorts of summer activities have been cancelled despite the shrinking Covid numbers.

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