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#### Iowa County Health Department

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### COVID 19 Update, Additional Case

**lowa County** – The Iowa County Health Department announces an additional lab confirmed case of COVID 19 Iowa County, bringing the total case count to 11. The recent case is an individual between the ages of 25 and 45 who is isolated at home. Iowa County Health Department has contact with all confirmed cases and reaches out to those who may have had close contact to each confirmed case. The Health Department assists in actively monitoring their health while they are under quarantine.

Seven of the eleven Iowa County cases are considered recovered. The number of patients recovered from COVID-19 is defined as the number of confirmed cases who are currently alive based on Wisconsin state vital records system data and have one or more of the following:

- Documentation of resolved symptoms
- Documentation of release from public health isolation
- 30 days since symptom onset or diagnosis

Along with physical distancing, please continue strong everyday prevention measures. Wash your hands often and cover your sneezes and coughs with a tissue or your elbow. Wear a cloth face cover if you go out in public. Cloth face covers are an additional tool to prevent people who don't have symptoms from spreading the virus. It's been a long haul, practicing physical distancing and strong prevention measures, and the hard work is slowing the spread of COVID-19 in lowa County. This doesn't mean we should ease up on the gas pedal. We don't want to have a backslide. COVID-19 doesn't spread itself. People spread it. We don't have a cure or a vaccine yet. Our best tool is isolation for those we know are sick and physically distancing ourselves from others. Each of us represents an opportunity to interrupt the transmission of this virus. If we start to reduce our prevention measures, our risk of getting sick with COVID-19 will go up.

#### Case Update

- 11 Positive Test Results in Iowa County
- 458 Negative Test Results in Iowa County
- 11,275 Positive Test Results in Wisconsin
- 122,598 Negative Test Results in Wisconsin
  - 1,939 (17%) Hospitalizations
    - 434 Deaths in Wisconsin

For a broader picture of the number of cases and additional detail see <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm</a>

#### **Announcements**

- Upland Hills Health Hospital and Clinics:
  - UHH Clinics are open in Dodgeville, Mineral Point, Mt. Horeb and Montfort. Hours: 9 AM-3 PM Monday-Friday.
  - UHH is not accepting delivery of flowers or gifts. Residents and staff appreciate the
    thoughtfulness. <u>Donations to the COVID-19 Relief Fund</u> will help fund new supplies and protocols
    for staff and patients safely.
  - UHH is not accepting delivery of homemade food at Upland Hills Health or at the UHH Nursing & Rehab Center (NRC).
  - o Food donations from the community are acceptable ONLY from a licensed restaurant, food service vendor, or catering service. Food donations must follow the restaurant and food safety requirements. Please coordinate donations through the UHH Foundation Director, Julia Oellerich 608-930-7169.
- If you have or develop symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, difficulty breathing, chills, shortness of breath, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell, contact your healthcare provider. For individuals without insurance or without a medical provider, please call the Health Department with questions 608.930.9870.

### Important Sources of Information

- **211 Wisconsin** is an easy and helpful resource for COVID 19 questions. Simply call 211 from your phone <a href="https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/">https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/</a>
- For localized information:

#### Please monitor the following Social Media sites:

Iowa County Public Health on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/iowacountyhealthdepartment/ Upland Hills Health on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/UplandHillsHealthHospital/ Iowa County Emergency Management on Twitter - https://twitter.com/ICEMWI Iowa County Emergency Management on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/icemwi/

#### Monitor the following websites:

Iowa County COVID 19 https://www.iowacounty.org/

Upland Hills Health <a href="https://www.uplandhillshealth.org/patient-visitors/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-information/">https://www.uplandhillshealth.org/patient-visitors/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-information/</a> WI Department of Health Services (DHS) <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm</a> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.htm">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.htm</a>