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Iowa County Health Department

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COVID 19 Update, Additional Cases

lowa County – The Iowa County Health Department announces two additional lab confirmed cases of COVID 19 lowa County, bringing the total case count to ten. The two recent cases are an individual between the ages of 30 and 50 and an individual under the age of 18. Both individuals are isolated at home. At this point, the contact investigation with the three new cases announced this week reveal they had known exposures to lab confirmed positive cases of COVID19. 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.

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 Iowa 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.

Together, we can get through this. Together, we can keep our community safe. #SaferAtHome 🏚 #WeGotThis 🖤 #StayStrong 💪

Case Update

- 10 Positive Test Results in Iowa County
- 361 Negative Test Results in Iowa County
- 8,901 Positive Test Results in Wisconsin
- 87,826 Negative Test Results in Wisconsin
- 1,694 (19%) Hospitalizations
 - 362 Deaths in Wisconsin

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

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).
- 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 https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/
- 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 https://www.uplandhillshealth.org/patient-visitors/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-information/ WI Department of Health Services (DHS) https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.htm