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### COVID 19 Case Update

**Iowa County** – The Iowa County Health Department announces an additional lab confirmed case of COVID 19 in an Iowa County resident. This brings the total number of positive cases to 16. The most recent case is an individual between the ages of 25 and 40 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.

The number of individuals that have recovered is 11. 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.** All social interaction has some level of risk for contracting COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself and others is to continue maintaining your physical distance from others, stay away from large groups, stay home when you are sick, wash your hands, and please wear a cloth face covering. People need to know the risks and balance those with the benefits to make the best decision for their families. But in all cases, people should understand their personal responsibility to not unknowingly spread infection to someone else.

We know that people are venturing back out into the community and we want to reiterate that the protective measures listed above remain critical. “We know it’s been a long haul and that people want to move on to “normal” but we must move ahead slowly and safely”, says Debbie Siegenthaler, Iowa County Health Department Director. 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. “Cases in Iowa County have ticked up this week and it reminds us that it is critical to continue to be vigilant with our prevention measures”, added Siegenthaler.

### Recently added resources on the Iowa County website.

<https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/COVID-19>

Business Toolkit

Reopening Guidance

Reduce Risk of Exposure and Transmission

***Additional resources:***

CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

**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>

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**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.html>

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