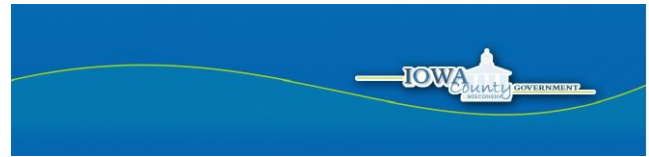


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### Iowa County Health Department

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### COVID 19 Case Update

**Iowa County** – The Iowa County Health Department announces that a sixth lab confirmed case of COVID 19 has been identified in an Iowa County resident. This recent case is an individual between the ages of 45 and 65 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.

Remember that lab confirmed cases only tell part of the story. While positive cases help to represent the disease spread in a community, they do not account for all possible cases. Community spread is considered statewide in Wisconsin, meaning any public interactions put you at greater risk of exposure and getting sick. It is critical that residents understand that if you leave your home you should assume you will come in contact with COVID 19.

Yesterday, Governor Evers directed Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Andrea Palm to extend the Safer at Home order from April 24, 2020 to 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2020, or until a superseding order is issued. The Safer at Home extension includes a few changes-- some allow more businesses and activities to open up, while other changes help make businesses safer for employees and customers. This extension allows time to increase testing capacity, reduces the risk of overwhelming our healthcare system, and minimizes the chance of a second wave of the virus.

There is no effective medicine to treat COVID-19 and no vaccine. We have to work together through interventions like Safer at Home and physical distancing to slow the spread. We know this is challenging. We know this is disruptive. But we need to stick with it a little longer. Safer at Home saves lives.

#### *Helpful links:*

Press Release from Gov. Evers: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/.../bulletins/286d626>

Full Safer at Home order here: <https://content.govdelivery.com/.../142.../EMO28-SaferAtHome.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions [FAQ](#) document

Residents should continue to follow these steps to avoid exposure to the virus and prevent illness including:

- Avoiding social gatherings with people of all ages (including playdates and sleepovers, parties, large family dinners, visitors in your home);
- Frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and water;
- Covering coughs and sneezes, including wearing a face covering in public;
- Avoiding touching one's face; and
- Staying home.

Together, we can get through this. Together, we can keep our community safe. [#SaferAtHome](#) 🏠 [#WeGotThis](#) 🗣️ [#StayStrong](#) 🤝

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## Case Update

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- 6 Positive Test Results in Iowa County
- 173 Negative Test Results in Iowa County
- 4,045 Positive Test Results in Wisconsin
- 42,365 Negative Test Results in Wisconsin
- 1,153 (29%) Hospitalizations
- 205 Deaths in Wisconsin

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

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## Announcements

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- **[Upland Hills Health Hospital and Clinics:](#)**
    - 4/6/2020: UHH is not accepting delivery of food, flowers or gifts. Donations to the COVID-19 Relief Fund will help fund new food service supplies and protocols for feeding staff and patients safely. Donate by calling 608.930.7169 or at [www.uplandhillshealth.org/relief](http://www.uplandhillshealth.org/relief)
    - Effective 3/30 - UHH Clinics in Dodgeville, Mineral Point and Mt. Horeb are open 9 AM-3 PM Monday-Friday.
  - **The Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry (WEAVR)** is a secure, password-protected, web-based volunteer registration system for health care and behavioral health professionals. Volunteers interested in filling critical response and recovery roles following a major public health emergency self-register and are the only ones that can update their information. Public health officials use the WEAVR registry to generate a list of volunteers to be contacted. Those contacted will be given information on where to report and the role that is needed, as well as the option to accept or decline the opportunity. Training will be provided at the reporting site. Questions about WEAVR? See [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
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## Important Sources of Information

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- **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>

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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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