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COVID 19 Case Update

Iowa County – The Iowa County Health Department announces two additional lab confirmed cases of COVID 19 in Iowa County residents. This brings the total number of positive cases to 14. These recent cases are individuals between the ages of 55 and 85 who are both 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. 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.

Key points regarding cloth face coverings:

You should wear a cloth face cover when you are outside the home conducting activities such as going to work, to the grocery store, pharmacy, banking and enjoying outdoor activities while maintaining physical distancing.

If you are sick (have a cough or are sneezing) or have seasonal allergies you need to wear a cloth face cover when around other people to protect them from your sneezes.

Wearing a cloth face cover may be beneficial as it can help to protect others from germs you may be spreading without knowing it. Using a cloth face cover is preferable because that allows more surgical masks and respirators to be used by health care providers and other first responders.

Their primary role is to reduce the release of infectious particles into the air when someone speaks, coughs, or sneezes, including someone who has COVID-19 but feels well. Cloth face coverings are not a substitute for physical distancing and washing hands and staying home when ill, but they may be helpful when combined with these primary interventions.