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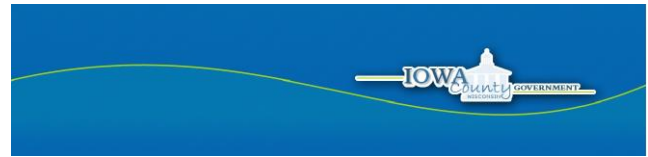303 W. Chapel Street
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Iowa County COVID-19 Update

Iowa County – The Iowa County COVID 19 Response Team wants to highlight the message **STAY HOME ---- STAY SAFE --- SAVE LIVES**. We know it is disruptive and challenging but patience will be critical. In the coming weeks, we will continue to need your help in staying home and reducing spread of the virus to flatten the curve. Thank you for doing your part in following the **#SaferAtHome** order.

#SaferAtHome Key Messages
o   Non-essential businesses and operations must be closed.
o   Essential businesses must comply with social distancing requirements.
o   Businesses are encouraged to follow these best practices related the development of a COVID-19 Response Plan for the safety of their employees and employees' families.
o   Check out #SaferAtHome FAQs
o   Check out #SaferAtHome fact sheet

Iowa County Case Update

3	Positive Test Results in Iowa County
88	Negative Test Results in Iowa County
1351	Positive Test Results in Wisconsin
17,375	Negative Test Results in Wisconsin
16	Deaths in Wisconsin

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

Announcements

- **Elections Commission seeking Volunteers** Citizen involvement is essential to our election process, and with the potential spread of COVID-19, we anticipate many veteran poll workers who faithfully serve every election day may not serve this year due to their age and high risk to COVID-19 exposure. Poll workers do everything from check-in voters, help people register to vote, check photo IDs and process absentee ballots. Please click here for more details from the Wisconsin Elections Commission. Local clerks will provide poll workers with training prior to election day. Please note the Wisconsin Elections Commission and the Department of Health Services are also developing protocols to make the polls as safe as possible for voters and poll workers.

- **What to do if you are sick?**
  If you have a cough, fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose or headache
  Isolate yourself at home and call your regular health care provider.

- o They will ask about your symptoms, your recent travel history, and will determine if you need to be tested. If your symptoms are severe (trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion or inability to arouse, bluish lips or face) or you feel like you need medical care, **call** before you go to a doctor's office, urgent care, or emergency room.
  - o If you have a medical emergency, call 911 and tell the dispatcher about your symptoms. This will allow health care providers to prepare adequately
- **Self-Care and When to Seek Medical Care:** residents who are not critically ill, should stay home and manage their symptoms.
- Upland Hills Health Hospital and Clinics:
  - o **Effective 3/30** - UHH Clinics in Dodgeville, Mineral Point and Mt. Horeb will be open 9 AM-3 PM Monday-Friday. These hours will remain in effect until further notice.
  - o Effective 3/25 - No Visitor Policy at Hospital and Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

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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 Health Department https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/HealthDepartment

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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