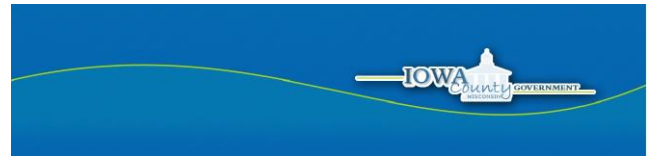


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### **Iowa County Health Department**

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### **Iowa County COVID-19 Update**

**Iowa County** – The current number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Iowa County remains at three (3).

Residents should assume there are undiagnosed cases of COVID-19 in our community and that we have community transmission which means that people may be unknowingly transmitting the virus to others even if they are not exhibiting symptoms. Since we are experiencing community spread, we expect every county resident do their part in complying with the **#SaferatHome** Order. When you leave home, assume that you will come into contact with COVID-19. Please stay home so you don't increase your likelihood of getting sick, and you reduce the risk of getting others sick. All community members should be monitoring themselves for symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat) and isolating themselves from others as soon as they develop these symptoms.

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#### **Current Status**

- Iowa County positive cases: 3
- Iowa County samples submitted for testing: Approximately 82 county-wide
- Iowa County percent of tests completed: Approximately 82%
- Wisconsin positive cases: 707
- Wisconsin deaths: 8

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#### **#SaferAtHome – We need you to do your part!**

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There is an urgency in the importance of socially distancing. The nation and state are seeing a rapid increase in cases, yet we know this is just the “tip of the iceberg” due to limited availability of testing. We are concerned that people are out and about more than is absolutely necessary. Staying home as much as possible means not leaving your home unless absolutely necessary. If you must go out, organize just a single trip every 1-2 weeks for groceries or medications. Even if you are needing to work during this time, please go directly to work and then home without additional stops. Residents must continue the everyday prevention measures of washing your hands often and covering your sneezes and coughs with a tissue or your elbow.

**All non-essential business must be closed.**

**Essential business that are open must be practicing social distancing.**

See the [Safer at Home Order](#) for more information.

**FAQs re: Safer at Home order**

<https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/Safer%20at%20Home%20FAQ%203.24.20.pdf>

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**Announcements**

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- **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:**
  - **Effective 3/30** - UHH Clinics in Dodgeville, Mineral Point and Highland will be open 9 am-3 pm Monday-Friday. These hours will remain in effect until further notice.
  - [No Visitor Policy at Hospital and Nursing & Rehabilitation Center](#)
    - For the safety of our patients, healthcare workers and the community visitors are not allowed on the Upland Hills Health campus at 800 Compassion Way in Dodgeville. Visitors over the age of 16 years of age may be allowed in following circumstances with permission of the nurse lead or house supervisor:
      - Birth Center, labor and delivery
      - End of life
      - Pediatric patients requiring a parent
    - Visitors must undergo a health screening and will not be allowed entry with an elevated temperature, symptoms or exposure to COVID-19.
- **Community Donations:** We are still happy to accept your donations. Please bring your new, unused PPE to the Iowa County Health & Human Services building between the hours of 8am and 8pm. These items will be used to keep our frontline health care workers safe!
- Iowa County Public Health will post updated COVID-19 test counts daily on its website. <https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/COVID-19>

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