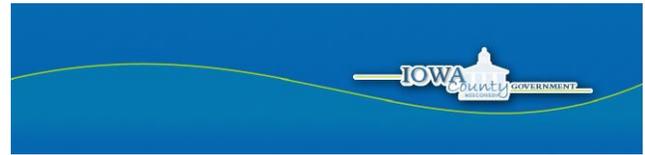


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Keeping Kids Safe During #SaferAtHome.

Iowa County – The global COVID-19 pandemic is causing changes to everyday life in the United States. Many schools are now closed and have moved to online learning classes, and more parents are working from home in an effort to practicing social distancing. As a result, both children and adults are spending more time at home than usual. And while preventing COVID-19 from spreading is crucial, so is keeping children safe within their own home.

You may have kids who might start getting into things they shouldn't be getting into because they have already played with all their toys and watched all the movies. Kids are curious and their curiosity can take over and cause problems. Parents, guardians, babysitters, or other caregivers should make sure they're watching children closely – especially children 5 years old or younger. Injuries are the leading cause of death in children ages 19 and younger according to the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov). But most child injuries can be prevented. Being at home for this extended period can cause your kids going a little stir-crazy around the house. Follow [this link](#) from [SafeKids.org](https://www.SafeKids.org) to learn more about how to keep kids safe and prevent injuries in the home and around cars.

Many of us love podcasts. Check out a great podcast called [The Parent Pep Talk](#) is a heartfelt and humorous podcast filled with advice and understanding from empathetic experts, honest parents, and teens who are willing to talk. It's for all parents looking for a little perspective, a few well-tested tips, and the feeling that you're probably doing a lot better than you think, even if it doesn't always feel like it.

A goal of limiting and slowing the spread of this disease is to flatten the curve and maintain sufficient capacity in our hospitals to care for those that need continues. The response requires partnership between so many in health care, government and the private sector but the most important partner is the public. We recognize the sacrifice being made and know it is difficult. We ask that you continue to rise to the challenge and protect your family friends and neighbors who are vulnerable. We advise you to stay informed with reliable sources of information, take everyday actions to protect yourself and those you love, and share accurate information with neighbors, friends and co-workers, especially people who may have difficulty receiving or understanding the information. We encourage residents to continue to patronize local businesses and utilize services offered.

We also encourage businesses, organizations, cities, villages and all stakeholders make a plan – how will you ensure social distancing and protect those who are part of your team? What modifications in work space or work flow will you need to make? What will it take to get you there?

The Badger Bounce Back plan is available [here](#). The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's portion of the Badger Bounce Back plan is aimed at helping to ensure workers and businesses are prepared and ready to

bounce back is available [here](#). The Badger Bounce Back plan in brief is also available [here](#).
Additional Resource: [DHS COVID-19 Prepare Page](#)

Case Update

7 Positive Test Results in Iowa County
246 Negative Test Results in Iowa County
6,081 Positive Test Results in Wisconsin
61,311 Negative Test Results in Wisconsin
1,415 (23%) Hospitalizations
281 Deaths in Wisconsin

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

Announcements

- [Upland Hills Health Hospital and Clinics](#):
 - UHH Clinics in Dodgeville, Mineral Point, Mt. Horeb and Montfort are open 9 AM-3 PM Monday-Friday.
 - UHH is not accepting delivery of food, flowers or gifts. Residents and staff appreciate the thoughtfulness. Staff is provided with food only through the UHH cafe. [Donations to the Relief Fund](#) will help fund new food service supplies and protocols for feeding staff and patients safely.

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 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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