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COVID 19 Update: The Increase in Cases Continues

Iowa County – The Health Department announces four additional cases bringing the current COVID 19 confirmed case count in Iowa County to 45. The four additional cases include individuals in their 20s, 30s and 80s. All had exposure to another individual with COVID 19, in and outside of Iowa County. The 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 Health Department urges good sense when making decisions. The weekend is a time for fun and relaxation but please remember to keep your social circles small. Practice consistency and diligence with social distancing and hand hygiene and wear a cloth face covering if you are out among people. Please do not host large parties or gatherings as it adds to this virus's opportunity to spread. Likewise, limit exposure to large groups of people for a sustained duration and please stay home if you are sick. While most of us will do fine and recover, keep in mind those who are vulnerable as they are at increased risk of a bad outcome if they get COVID 19. We all play a critical role in keeping friends, neighbors, loved ones and vulnerable residents safe and healthy. If you are high risk (60 years and older or have a chronic medical condition or compromised immune status) please take extra precautions to reduce your exposure.

Iowa County status remains at a HIGH activity level <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm>
Diligence is as important now as ever in following recommendations to physically distance, wash hands often, clean and disinfect high touch surfaces, stay home if ill, wear a face covering and avoid large groups.

New cases will continue to be reflected on our Iowa County Health Department Facebook page each day (Monday through Friday) and on our county website. The State of Wisconsin [DHS website](#), will continue to be updated each afternoon with county specific numbers. We will put out a media release if we are experiencing rapid or concerning changes in our metrics. All positive cases will continue to be reported to the state and followed up on as they have been. We have developed, through our Iowa County COVID 19 Dashboard, a multi-level way to monitor the picture in our county. Be sure to check out the COVID 19 Dashboard on our website. Check out the DHS website for additional county-specific data <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/cases-map.htm>

Monitor the following...

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/>

Iowa County COVID 19 <https://www.iowacounty.org/>

Upland Hills Health <https://www.uplandhillshealth.org/patient-visitors/covid-19/>

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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