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May 22, 2020- Key COVID-19 Updates for the Whitewater Community New or Updated Resources for Whitewater Residents

Key Updates - 5/19/20

Community Testing

- *Individuals who were tested at a national guard run testing facility need to contact the public health office in the jurisdiction where they reside for their test results. Test results are only provided to the health department in the jurisdiction in which you reside.*

Large Gatherings

- *DHS has published an update on their Avoid Illness page regarding guidance for large gatherings.*
- *Walworth County has guidance for events in the reopening blue print under entertainment and venues. This guidance focuses on limiting crowd size based on size of the venue and the type of event. It also provides guidance on other aspects of hosting an event that should be considered.*

Business

- *Gov. Evers released a \$75 million grant program to assist businesses in reopening safely. View the press release here: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIGOV/bulletins/28c2d0c>*

Long Term Care Facilities (LTCF)

- *DHS and Walworth County continue to recommend that LTCF maintain strict guidelines for visitors, staffing management, and use of PPE. Residents in LTCF remain our most vulnerable and protecting them is a priority.*
- *View DHS guidance for LTCF here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/ltc.htm>*

Key Updates – 5/20/20

Increased Testing

- *Mass testing of residents and staff in multiple long term care facilities has commenced in Walworth County. This along with community testing and pre-operative testing will continue to increase the number of cases identified in our community.*
- *The most important measure of success is not the total number of cases but the number of patients hospitalized and our health care system's capacity to provide care.*
- *Our health care systems remain strong and committed to serving Walworth County.*

DHS Recommendations

- *DHS has added recommendations for summer camps to their Schools Page*
- *Recommendations for youth sports has been added to the DHS Community Page*
- *DHS added recommendations for large gatherings on their Avoid Illness Page*

Funding Announcements

- *Governor Evers's office has announced funding on many different topics including rental assistance and economic stimulus. View all the press releases here: <https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/Newsroom/Press-Releases.aspx>*

Key Updates – 5/21/20

Data

- *Walworth County Information Systems has been working hard to create visuals of the demographic data related to our COVID-19 positive cases.*
- *Stay tuned as this data should be published to the HUB site in the next week or so*

Reopening Businesses

- *The Walworth County Reopening Blueprint is now available in Spanish: <https://www.co.walworth.wi.us/856/COVID-19>*
- *WEDC has released a series of videos targeted for business safe reopening. View the Focus Forward videos here: <https://wedc.org/focus-forward/updates/>*

Foodshare

- *DHS has worked with a number of retailers and Foodshare to expand the ability for individuals to use their benefits to order groceries online. View the press release here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/052120.htm>*

COVID-19 Data & Statistics

COVID-19 statistics for Walworth, Jefferson, and Rock Counties are updated daily. Visit the following web pages to see the data for yourself:

- Wisconsin Summary Data (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm>)
- County-Level Data (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/county.htm>)
- Mapped Cases by County (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/cases-map.htm>)
- Walworth County COVID Response Hub (<https://coronavirus-response-walworth-county-walco.hub.arcgis.com/>)
- Jefferson County COVID-19 Dashboard (<https://sites.google.com/view/jeffersoncountywicovid-19/home>)
- Rock County COVID-19 Data (<https://infogram.com/1pv009gnlnrrprixvvk7j1x9wnfr7v1nkn1?live>) and (<https://www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth-familycommunity/publichealth-communicabledisease/coronavirus-disease-2019#updated-visual-data-case-numbers-projections-maps-and-graphs>)

Data through May 21, 2020:

	Walworth County	Jefferson County	Rock County
Positive Tests (Confirmed) Cases	316	67	493
Negative Tests	2,279	1,908	4,708
Currently Hospitalized	2 cases	25% of cases	20% of cases
Isolating at Home	83 cases	-	-
Cases Recovered	220	37	81
Deaths*	11	2	14

*For Walworth County data, all reported deaths were individuals over the age of 65 with preexisting medical conditions.

Sources:

Wisconsin DHS County-Level Data – Number of positive cases and deaths by county

(<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/county.htm>)

Jefferson County – COVID-19 Dashboard (<https://sites.google.com/view/jeffersoncountywicovid-19/home>)

Walworth County Division of Public Health – COVID-19 page (<https://www.co.walworth.wi.us/856/COVID-19>)