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June 3, 2020- Key COVID-19 Updates for the Whitewater Community

New or Updated Resources for Whitewater Residents

Key Updates 6/3/2020

DHS Updates

• DHS COVID-19 Outbreaks page now includes percent of COVID-19 cases by recovery status by county https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/cases.htm

Maps and Data

• Maps available on the Walworth County Mapped Data and COVID HUB website can show more detail when clicked on. Especially the county cases map. This map will show you the number of positive and negative tests in each census tract in the county if you click on the census tract.

• Have you checked out the Walworth County Community Impact Dashboard Application yet? It is an easy way to see the numbers https://walco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/d488795e17cd461792caa0c4c6bf2120

• The Walworth County Coronavirus Case Dashboard Application shows demographics associated with our cases and is another way to understand what COVID looks like in Walworth County https://walco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/3367044fcea34140ae0b2cce7fb9d3ed.

Key Updates 6/2/2020

Public Health

• Public Health is working on developing phase 2 reopening plans, looking at what the best practices to implement are as businesses and facilities open and we meet more of the Badger Bounce Back metrics.

• Public Health and the Sheriff's Office are working on obtaining final numbers from the community testing site in Whitewater. We are also jointly investigating the option to host an additional community testing site in Elkhorn at the end of June.

DHS Update

• Dr. Westergaard provides an update on COVID on PBS: https://video.pbswisconsin.org/video/epidemiologic-update-goal-still-shrink-virus-footprint-2samz/

Question and Answer from DHS

When can individuals who are out of isolation return to work? Should individuals who have come in contact with a probable case self-quarantine?*

Individuals that have been in isolation may return to work when:

• It has been 10 days since symptoms began, AND

• There is significant improvement in respiratory symptoms WITHOUT medication for at least 72 hours, AND

• There is no fever WITHOUT medication for 72 hours or more.

If an individual has contact with a person and is able to separate from the person who has symptoms or was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual can be released from quarantine and return to work 14 days after last contact with the ill person as long as no symptoms develop during those 14 days.

If an individual is NOT able to completely separate from the person who has symptoms or was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual can be released from quarantine and return to work 14 days after the ill person is well.

*Note: based on situation and risk different guidance may be provided for essential workforce by local public health.

Key Updates 6/1/2020

Community Testing

• Community testing in Whitewater ended Saturday, May 30th. Final numbers from the testing have not yet been received.

• Preliminary information indicates that residents from over 5 different counties received testing at the Whitewater site.

Data

• DHS has added epidemiology curves for number of cases and deaths broken down to the county level to their website: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/county.htm

• If you haven't yet, check out the Walworth County dashboards examining demographic data for our cases. These do not work well on mobile but may be shared with the public.

o Walworth County Community Impact Dashboard Application

o Walworth County Coronavirus Case Dashboard Application

DHS Guidance

• Nursing home guidance for staffing during shortages or an outbreak has been added to the LTC page: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/ltc.htm

• Guidance for reopening pools has been added: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community.htm

• Additional information about antibody testing is now available: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/testing.htm

Question and Answer

This question and answer was provided by DHS but we thought many of you may find the information relevant.

What options are available for vulnerable employees as workplaces reopen?

Workers who have underlying medical conditions or who are older have protections under federal law. Medical conditions such as diabetes or asthma are considered disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act, which allows workers to ask their employers for reasonable accommodations to do their jobs. Workers older than 40 are protected from discrimination based on age under federal law, meaning that employers can't establish rules saying that workers over a certain age can't come into the workplace due to COVID-19.