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July 2, 2020- Key COVID-19 Updates for the Whitewater Community

Key Walworth County Updates

Release of Local Metrics

- Public Health will be releasing today additional data on the [website](#).
- The data mirrors the information used by DHS and the Badger Bounce Back plan.
- Data that was not available or reliable at the county level has been excluded.
- Walworth County Information Systems is working on adding this information to the [Coronavirus Case Dashboard](#).

New Local Phase Guidance

- Public Health is releasing today a companion document of phased recommendations based on the Badger Bounce Back plan that can assist businesses and other public entities to move forward incrementally ([Walworth County COVID-19 Phased Guidance](#)).
- The recommendations are broken down by sector and type of organization.
- These are a tool to help empower businesses and organizations to implement solutions and practices that best meet their needs as we continue to operate with COVID-19 in our communities.
- Based on our current disease status and metrics we recommend that guidance in Phase 2 be used to guide actions currently.
- This guidance will be available on the [county website](#) in both English and Spanish

Stay Well in Walworth Campaign

- Walworth County has launched a campaign promoting personal and corporate responsibility using the theme Stay Well in Walworth
- This campaign calls on everyone to do what they can to help slow the spread and take precautions to protect their health

Cooling Centers

- We are going to be experiencing a hot 4th of July weekend and the number of facilities usually open for cooling are much more limited
- [DHS has guidance for operating cooling shelters during COVID-19](#)
- If any of your areas are operating a cooling shelter we urge you to continue to focus on maintaining physical distance and encourage the use of masks in the shelter
- The public can also call [2-1-1](#) to find out about cooling shelter locations.

Coronavirus Data Dashboard Update

- Walworth County Information Systems has performed updates on the data on the [Coronavirus Case Dashboard](#)
- The updates make the data easier to view and more visually appealing. If you haven't visited the site lately, check it out.
- IT is also working on making the site work on mobile devices, currently this site works best on a computer.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Guidance

- [Safety in Public Bathrooms](#)
 - [Guidance for Facility Managers with Public Bathrooms](#)
 - [DHS Urges Residents to Stay Home Ahead of the 4th of July](#)
 - [Travel Recommendations](#)
 - View Hospital Data by Region here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/hosp-data.htm>
 - Wisconsin DOT releases [School Bus Safety Guidance](#)
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) Guidance*

- [Interim Considerations for Institutions of Higher Education](#)
- [Considerations for K-12 School Administrators](#)