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## July 30, 2020- Key COVID-19 Updates for the Whitewater Community

### Key Walworth County Updates

\*Gov. Tony Evers today issued an Emergency Order requiring individuals to wear face coverings when indoors and not in a private residence (with some exceptions). The order takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2020. Link to the order. <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIGOV/bulletins/2980ec0>

\*Our weekly data snapshot is attached and shows changes to two key indicators.

\*Kaiser Family Foundation has issued a paper highlighting research on the impact of coronavirus on children, including transmission: [What Do We Know About Children and Coronavirus Transmission?](#)

\*DHS has updated the [COVID-19 Diagnosed page](#) release from isolation guidelines to reflect the updated [CDC interim guidance](#) for discontinuation of isolation for persons with COVID-19 not in healthcare settings. This includes:

- Symptom-based criteria were modified as follows:
  - Changed from "at least 72 hours" to "at least 24 hours" have passed since *last fever* without the use of fever-reducing medications.
  - Changed from "improvement in respiratory symptoms" to "improvement in symptoms" to address the expanding list of symptoms associated with COVID-19.
- Added note that some people who develop serious illness from COVID-19 may require a longer period of isolation before it is safe to be around others or go back to work.
- Added information that testing to see when isolation should be completed is not recommended and may extend the isolation period unnecessarily.

Resources have also been updated to reflect this change, including:

- [Isolation Release Flyer](#)
- [Isolation Release Flyer](#) (Asymptomatic)
- [Next Steps: after you are diagnosed with COVID-19](#) (available in English, Hindi, Somali, and Spanish)