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## August 6, 2020- Key COVID-19 Updates for the Whitewater Community

### Key Walworth County Updates:

- Advocate Aurora is modifying their community testing as testing supplies have been redirected to COVID "hot spots" around the country. Beginning immediately, Aurora is centralizing all drive-through community testing to Aurora Sinai Medical Center. Moving forward, individuals who are symptomatic should either go to the Sinai location or to urgent care locations in Burlington (or hospital) or Lake Geneva for evaluation. Visit the [Advocate Aurora Health COVID 19 Resource Center](#) for the latest updates on testing strategies.
- NPR has produced an accessible etiquette guide for people concerned with others' observance of distancing and masking guidelines. [COVID-19 Etiquette: 6 Common Conundrums \(And A Printable Pocket Guide\)](#)
- The next community Testing Site has been confirmed for August 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am-6pm at Phoenix Middle School in Delavan

### FAQs:

***If we have Plexiglas barriers between students or between students and teachers or speech therapists etc., do they need to wear masks? What about using a face shield instead of a cloth face covering?***

- At this time, the level of protection provided by Plexiglas barriers is unknown (though they likely provide some level of protection or reduced transmission), so their presence wouldn't allow for someone to be eliminated as a close contact, especially considering the potential for aerosol transmission.
- In addition, [CDC's latest statement on face shields](#) does not recommend them as a substitute for a cloth face covering. [One influenza study](#) does show that face shields can provide some level of source control and protection (more for larger aerosols), but similar to CDC, the authors conclude that they should not be used as a substitute for respiratory protection.
- DHS currently does not have any guidance that addresses the use of equipment such as Plexiglas barriers or face shields in lieu of cloth face coverings, in schools or otherwise. While it might be helpful, there's no data to support how effective that equipment would be in preventing transmission. Because DHS doesn't have the data, we would still recommend cloth face coverings in all circumstances.