Outagamie County Public Health (OCPH)
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Update
Thursday, March 19, 2020

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BY THE NUMBERS

- **2** – Confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Outagamie County
  - 1 – City of Appleton Health Department
  - 1 – Outagamie County Public Health Division
- **22** – Pending test results for Outagamie County Public Health
- **155** – Confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Wisconsin (as of 2:30 pm, 3/19/20)

KEY POINTS

- Governor Evers announced there is community spread in Wisconsin during a radio address March 19, 2020. Department of Health Services has identified community spread in Dane, Kenosha, and Milwaukee Counties. This means there are people who have tested positive for COVID-19 and it is unknown what their exposure has been.

- Outagamie County (OC) has one (1) confirmed case of COVID-19. The individual is under isolation and close contacts have been identified and monitored by OCPH.

- Wisconsin has **155** positive cases, **2192** negative tests as of 2:30 pm March 19, 2020.

- Governor Evers is mandating all childcare centers may not operate with more than 10 staff and 50 children present at a time. [Emergency Order #6](#)

- Governor Evers announced [Emergency Order #5](#) issued by DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm on March 17, 2020 prohibiting mass gatherings of 10 or more people. Many services and businesses must close.
  - NEW Mass Gathering FAQs

- Text COVID19 to 211-211 or Call 211 for non-medical questions. United Way’s 2-1-1 service can provide resources on issues such as:
  - Food delivery for home bound seniors
  - Transportation options
  - Nutrition programs for children who rely on free and reduced meals at school
  - Information on emerging resources in the community
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WIC Program
- WIC services will continue for current WIC participants through phone contacts.
  - Specifically, WIC is:
    - Providing nutrition education and issue food benefits for all appointments
    - Providing a 30-day benefit extension to infants and children who are due to be recertified on the program.
- Please Note:
  - WIC staff are calling from cellphones and will leave a new call back number. Please contact them at that number to decrease the calls to the office.
  - Infants less than 8 weeks old will be certified by phone. Please call the office to report the birth and we will follow up with you.
  - If you are able to send a message please send an email to hhsWIC@outagamie.org. During this time this may be the most efficient way to contact participants. Please include a phone number for us to contact you at.
- WIC is starting a wait list of people who would like to enroll in WIC or are past due for certifications.

- OC has closed all non-essential departments and/or divisions for the week of March 16-20, 2020. Many employees are working from home.
  - Brewster Village is currently closed to all visitors.
  - OC Jail is currently closed to all visitors.
  - WIC office is closed for in-person visits. WIC staff are working from home and calling participants to provide benefits. For WIC related questions, please call 920-832-5109 or email hhswic@outagamie.org
  - OC Courts are open.

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION
- Visit www.Outagamie.org/PublicHealth for updates and links to reliable information and guidance on COVID-19
- Visit and “Like” our Facebook page for current updates www.Facebook.com/OCPublicHealth
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is a reliable source of information, including what to do if you are sick.

CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY
- Practice social distancing. This is a technique to slow the spread of infectious diseases. Social distancing means staying home as much as possible in order to avoid other people.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a flexed elbow or disposable tissue and wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth, and close contact with people who are sick.
• Clean and disinfect common areas both at home and in the workplace (i.e. door handles, bathrooms, tables).
• Practice self-care to deal with stress and anxiety. It can be as simple as small things throughout your day like deep breaths, a hot shower, sleep, tea, or connecting with a friend.