Outagamie County Public Health (OCPH)

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Update
Tuesday, March 31, 2020

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BY THE NUMBERS (as of 2:30 pm 3/31/20)

Current case counts are available at the WI Department of Health Services website.

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What’s New Today?

- Emergency Order #15 Temporary Ban on Evictions and Foreclosure
- We are seeing a lot of questions on comments on Facebook about testing. Here’s how we are responding:
  - Due to current shortages in testing supplies, not everyone with symptoms will be tested.
  - Your doctor will determine whether or not you should be tested based on your symptoms, risk factors like travel or contact with others who are sick, and if you have underlying medical conditions.
- We are getting a number of calls from employees reporting their employer is not following appropriate guidance about sick employees. Here’s how we are responding:
  - Talking with Employers
    - Actively encourage sick employees to stay home.
    - Do use guidance from
      - WI Department of Health Services
      - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
      - Occupational Health & Safety Administration (OSHA)
    - Employees should only come back when they no longer have a fever and/or cough and shortness of breath for at least 3 days (72 hrs) with no fever reducing medicine AND 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
    - Don’t require a test for COVID-19. If someone has symptoms, they should be home.
    - Don’t require a doctor’s note to return to work due to decrease burden on healthcare system.
    - Do work with your employees to address their concerns about a safe work place.
    - Do work with your employees about their personal living situation with family members who are considered high risk.
Talking with Employees

- Stay home if you are sick
- If you have concerns about your employer not complying with Safer At Home order talk to your supervisor, manager, or Human Resources department.

- Outagamie County is seeing evidence of community spread. This means when you leave home, assume that you will come into contact with COVID-19.
- **Please Stay Home** so you don’t increase your likelihood of getting sick, and you reduce the risk of getting others sick too.
- All community members should be monitoring themselves for symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath) and isolating themselves from others as soon as they develop these symptoms.
- Contact your healthcare provider if you have symptoms.
- With all of us doing our parts, staying safer at home, we will get through this.

- Here is what we are asking everyone to do stop the spread of COVID-19:
  - Stay at home.
  - Limit your physical interactions to the same people during this time. Less than five (5) total will help us stop the virus from spreading.
  - Keep at least six (6) feet apart and avoid physical contact.
  - Try to make only one (1) trip a week for essentials (groceries, medications)
  - Wash your hands often with soap and water
  - Stay connected by phone and social media.

- The COVID-19 pandemic, and the resulting changes to our lifestyles, can make anyone anxious or even depressed. Do not hesitate to ask for help if you’re feeling overwhelmed. Call 800-985-5990 to speak to a trained crisis counselor or text TalkWithUS to 66747.

- Safer at Home **Emergency Order #12** starts today. FAQs All non-essential businesses must close. Exemptions are listed in the order and explained in the Frequently Asked Questions. If a business is unsure about whether or not they are exempt, please contact **WI Economic Development Corporation**

- It’s ok to go outside for fresh air, taking walks, and riding bikes. Maintain physical distance—six (6) feet apart.
  - County parks are open.
  - Playgrounds are closed.
  - Fees are waived at WI Stat Parks and Trails

- For non-medical questions, **United Way’s 2-1-1** Fox Cities service can provide resources on
issues such as:
  o Food delivery for home bound seniors
  o Transportation options
  o Nutrition programs for children who rely on free and reduced meals at school
  o Information on emerging resources in the community
  o Contact:
    ▪ Text COVID19 to 211-211
    ▪ Call 211
    ▪ Visit 211Wisconsin.org

- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program
  o WIC services will continue through phone contacts.
  o 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.
  o 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.
    ▪ You can always call Outagamie County WIC at (920)832-5109 and leave a message.

- All non-essential OC departments and/or divisions will remain closed indefinitely. Many employees are working from home.
  o Brewster Village is currently closed to all visitors.
  o OC Jail is currently closed to all visitors.
  o 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
  o OC Courts are open.
  o The Outagamie County District Attorney’s office will be doing all public services through mail, drop off options or online.

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.

The President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America – 15 Days to Slow the Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been released and is available at whitehouse.gov

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.