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COVID-19: Continue to be Safer at Home

Douglas County Public Health announced today they now have 17 people who have tested positive for COVID-19. Of the recent cases, preliminary investigation reveals one person appears to have been exposed through employment in MN. Others are unaware of their source of exposure but had visited several local businesses for routine shopping. One person is hospitalized while the others are recovering at home. Visit the Douglas County COVID-19 page for current count details.

As local businesses are working diligently to provide a safe environment for their customers, we ask the customers to show respect for the COVID-19 prevention strategies they are putting in place. The virus remains active in our community. The choices people make in the next few weeks will impact how we come through this pandemic.

What you can do:
1. Stay at home if you are sick; contact your provider for a COVID-19 test if you are having symptoms
2. Minimize close physical contact with those outside of your household
3. Minimize travel, especially to areas considered “viral hotspots” within and beyond our state borders
4. Wear a fabric face covering if you must be in public
5. Maintain 6-foot distances with others whenever possible
6. Minimize congregating in groups of any size
7. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water
8. Avoid touching your face
9. Comply with local public health COVID-19 isolation and quarantine orders
10. If you choose to visit public places, be prepared to avoid crowds and sanitize hands when leaving.

We are in this together. We can choose to protect ourselves and each other, and thereby protect our community and economy, by changing our behavior in accordance with the actions listed above.

Check the Douglas County web page for updates and alerts.

- Douglas County COVID-19 Dashboard: https://www.douglascountywi.org/1124/COVID-19-Updates
- Douglas County Webpage: https://www.douglascountywi.org/
- Wisconsin Department of Health Services COVID-19: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19