



## Fond du Lac County Health Department

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### **Fond du Lac County COVID-19 Response: Health Alert** **Very High COVID-19 Activity Levels – Take Action to Stop the Spread**

Fond du Lac County is currently experiencing **very high** levels of COVID-19 and significant spread in our community. Today alone we have received notification of approximately 240 cases. We have seen a rapid increase in the number of daily new cases in past weeks, and the number of cases continue to accelerate upwards.

Due to the escalation in cases, case investigation and contact tracing efforts to effectively identify and control the spread of the virus have become increasingly strained. Public health has not consistently been able to notify positive cases and their close contacts in a timely manner. This severely limits efforts to contain the virus.

**Effective starting Monday, October 26, 2020 Fond du Lac County Health Department will be prioritizing contacting positive cases who are:**

- Age 65 and older;
- Children who are 18 years old and younger;
- All other individuals will be contacted as capacity allows.

**If you test positive, we need you to do the following:**

- Stay home and isolate for a minimum of 10 days after symptom onset. If you did not have symptoms and were tested, remain isolated for 10 days from the date of testing. For detailed instructions go to: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02627.pdf>.
- You can return to work or school on day 11 if meeting the criteria (free of fever and improvement in other symptoms for 24 hours).
- Notify your employer or school.
- Notify your [close contacts](#) and ask them to quarantine for 14 days from the last day of contact with you.

**Employers, what you need to know:**

- Due to the increases cases, our process for contacting employment of positive cases will be changing. We will no longer be calling employers directly. A modified process will be implemented the week of October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Since we are not contacting all positive cases during this time, we will not be providing verification of return to work dates.
- Please discuss the return to work date with your employee by using the isolation release flyers:
  - [Symptomatic](#)
  - [Asymptomatic](#)



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In order to keep our business, schools, and economy open and keep our health care infrastructure intact, we are urging everyone take immediate action now to slow the spread.

### Act Now – Stop the Spread

#### Follow [Phase 1 recommendations of the Safe Restart Plan](#):

- Physically distance at least 6 feet from people with whom you do not live.
- Wear a cloth face covering, unless unable to wear one for medical reasons.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Stay home as much as possible, especially if you are sick. If symptomatic, get tested, and stay home while awaiting results.
- Cooperate with public health officials if you have tested positive or are a close contact.
- **Businesses and community organizations** use [WEDC Guidelines](#). When possible encourage remote work opportunities to support physical distancing.
- **Retail, Hospitality, Restaurants/Bars:** To the extent possible, limit person to person contact and encourage curbside pick-up/delivery options. Require masking/face coverings of staff and customers. Limit capacity within non-essential businesses, bars, and restaurants, retail businesses and organizations to 25%. Follow Emergency Order #3.
- **Community and Large Gatherings:** Large gatherings are not recommended at this time such as weddings, golf outings, reunions, and celebrations that bring a large number of people together. Avoid unnecessary activities and travel within the community that puts you in contact with others.

For more information, please visit the COVID-19 page at [www.fdlco.wi.gov](http://www.fdlco.wi.gov)

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