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## HEALTH ALERT FROM JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Jefferson County is currently experiencing significant and uncontrolled spread of COVID-19 in our communities. We have seen a rapid increase in the number of daily new cases in past weeks, and the number of cases continues to accelerate upwards. Our capacity for testing, case investigation, and contact tracing to effectively identify and control the spread of the virus has become increasingly strained.

Our goal remains to contact all confirmed cases within 24 hours of being reported to the health department, but due to the current surge in cases and our capacity, we are not able to consistently meet this objective.

At this time, we will no longer be calling those individuals who are close contacts of a positive case. We will now ask positively confirmed individuals to notify their close contacts of their exposure to COVID-19.

### WE ARE SEEKING HELP FROM THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

Currently, test results are taking up to 5-7 days. To keep our community safe, we ask you to remain isolated while awaiting your test results. You will be notified of ALL results, positive or negative, by your healthcare provider or testing facility.

#### If you have tested 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>.
- Notify your employer.
- Notify your close contacts asking them to quarantine for 14 days from the last day of contact with you.

The Public Health Guidelines we know to be effective in reducing the spread of COVID-19 remain unchanged. We are urging the community to follow these guidelines to reduce the further spread of COVID-19 in our community.

- **Stay home, wear a face covering, and maintain physical distance from others (at least 6 feet)** Stay at home as much as possible and especially if you are sick. Cancel events and avoid groups, gatherings, play dates, and nonessential appointments.
- Avoid unnecessary activities and travel within the community that puts you in contact with others and stay away from group gatherings. Cases are resulting from a variety of situations in which people move about the community and gather, including parties, reunions, weddings, places of work and school.

Please see the Jefferson County websites for additional information and resources:

<https://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/departments/health/Coronavirus.php>

[https://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/community/residents/community\\_partner\\_-\\_safely\\_open\\_for\\_our\\_community.php](https://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/community/residents/community_partner_-_safely_open_for_our_community.php)