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Press Release: Working Safely: COVID-19 and Your Job

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The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has released a document for employees across Wisconsin to provide answers to frequently asked questions and helpful resources for several aspects related to working during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit the link below or contact us for a digital version of the resource in English or other languages.

Jefferson County continues to experience its highest levels of COVID-19 case activity to date. 2,358 individuals have tested positive, with nearly half of those individuals testing positive in October alone. 19 individuals in Jefferson County have died from COVID-19, with many others hospitalized or experiencing illness. We still do not know the long-term impact of SARS-CoV-2, or COVID-19, and many individuals who recover from the infection suffer from lingering effects of the virus for several months.

Jefferson County Health Department has found through case interviews and disease investigations that many cases originate from small to medium size gatherings. This includes going out to eat indoors or attending backyard and birthday parties, and an overall lack of compliance with public health recommendations that have been proven to slow the spread of the virus. In addition, we have found that individuals are not staying home after experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Though many individuals experience symptoms for only a few days, if at all, they continue to remain contagious for the duration of their infection, which lasts about 10 days. Individuals are also able to spread the virus for about 2 days prior to symptom onset.

We continue to request of the public to adhere to the best practices of washing hands frequently, wearing a mask, and keeping physical distance from others. If you do not feel well, please stay home. **Free testing is available almost weekly for the duration of the year at the Jefferson Fair Park, with details on our County Dashboard linked below.**

Working Safely: COVID-19 and Your Job (DHS)

https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02805.pdf

COVID-19: You Stop the Spread (DHS)

dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/protect.htm

Jefferson County Dashboard

https://sites.google.com/view/jeffersoncountywicovid-19/home