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RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 SURVEILLANCE PROTOCOLS

Richland Center, WI: On April 1, 2020, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services began offering additional testing data and a state-wide analysis. During this morning's Emergency Operations Center briefing, Public Health Manager/Local Health Officer Rose Kohout, announced that there are now 3 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 129 negative test results within Richland County. Additional state-wide information can be found at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm>.

Public Health Manager/Local Health Officer Rose Kohout reported that Public Health staff are in frequent contact with those individuals who tested positive for COVID-19; to monitor their symptoms and ensure they are receiving support to be able to isolate at home. If a COVID-positive individual does not follow isolation instructions, a guard could be posted at their residence. Public Health staff interview the COVID-positive individual to learn about who he/she may have been in close contact with and to find out where he/she has spent time. Public Health staff will contact those individuals that may have also been exposed, inform them what symptoms to watch for, and they are instructed to isolate themselves.

All the decisions and recommendations the Richland County Public Health staff follow are based upon guidance provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Department of Health Services (DHS). Isolation ends based upon the CDC and DHS guidance and this guidance is frequently updated based upon what we are learning every day about the COVID-19 virus.

For the most up-to-date COVID-19 information, follow Richland County Health & Human Services on Facebook or consult the following websites:

- ❖ Richland County:
<https://covid.co.richland.wi.us>
- ❖ Wisconsin Department of Health Services:
www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19
- ❖ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/

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