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RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS
FOURTH COVID-19 RELATED DEATH

Richland Center, WI: Richland County Health Officer Rose Kohout confirms the fourth COVID-related death of a Richland County resident. Richland County offers their heartfelt sympathies to the family, and out of respect for the individual's confidentiality and the privacy of the resident's family, no additional information will be provided. Kohout reports that as of 2:00pm Tuesday, May 19th there are now 14 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Richland County, 457 have tested negative, and 9 individuals have been released from quarantine.

Richland County Public Health continues to work with state and local partners, as well as health care providers, to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to help protect the health and safety of Richland County residents. The public should follow steps to avoid getting sick including:

- Avoid social gatherings with people of all ages;

- Frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and water;

- Use of hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available;

- Covering coughs and sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow);

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- Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces;

- Not shaking hands;

- Avoiding touching your face; and

- Staying home.

If you have a COVID-19 question that you want our community partners to answer, please call Richland County Health & Human Services at 608-647-8821 and submit your question to the receptionist or email the question to rchhs@co.richland.wi.us. Citizens are encouraged to check out the Richland County COVID-19 Dashboard which offers helpful data to better understand the impact of the pandemic globally and locally: https://covid.co.richland.wi.us/2020/04/21/richland-county-covid-19-dashboard/. 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
- ❖ The Greater Richland Area Chamber of Commerce
  www.gorcchamber.com
- ❖ 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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