

Urgent News Release #63

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RICHLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERS RESPOND TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Richland Center, WI: A virtual Emergency Operations Center meeting was held this morning to share information between Richland County officials and community partners in a joint response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Public Health Manager/Local Health Officer, Rose Kohout announced that as of 2:00pm Wednesday, May 27th the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) confirmed that in the state of Wisconsin there were 16,462 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 210,605 have tested negative, there were 539 deaths, and 2,411 hospitalizations due to COVID-19. Of those that tested positive for COVID-19 in the state of Wisconsin, 15% have been hospitalized. There remain 14 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Richland County, 585 have tested negative, and there have been 4 deaths as a result of COVID-19 at this time. Kohout also reported that 10 individuals who had tested positive for COVID-19 in Richland County have been released from quarantine.

Richland Hospital Emergency Management Coordinator, Lyle Kratochwill announced that starting Monday, June 1st The Richland Hospital Coronavirus Hotline (608) 604-

9953 will only be operational from **8am-Noon** 7 days a week and the drive-thru respiratory care service will be **CLOSED**. Patients who are displaying COVID related symptoms will be served through Urgent Care. The Richland Hospital campus began a phasing in to re-open their facility for voluntary medical procedures and Primary Care visits will continue to expand over the next few weeks. Patients needing hands-on medical care should always call the hospital main number (608) 647-6321 or clinic main number (608) 647-6161 before coming to the facility. Additional information about the online or telemedicine services being offered can be found at <https://www.richlandhospital.com/online-services/>.

The Badger Bounce Back Plan requires COVID-19 testing of every nursing home resident and staff member in the State of Wisconsin. The Pine Valley Community Village conducted their testing earlier this week and Schmitt Woodland Hills began testing today. It was noted that test results should be available sometime next week.

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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