

Urgent News Release #66

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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 Monday, June 8th the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) confirmed that in the state of Wisconsin there were 21,038 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 333,253 have tested negative, there were 646 deaths, and 2,860 hospitalizations due to COVID-19. Of those that tested positive for COVID-19 in the state of Wisconsin, 14% have been hospitalized. There remain 14 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Richland County, 1,118 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.

The Richland Hospital Coronavirus Hotline and drive-thru respiratory care services are now **CLOSED**. Patients needing hands-on medical care should call the hospital main

number (608) 647-6321 or clinic main number (608) 647-6161 before coming to the facility. It was noted that patients who are displaying COVID related symptoms will be served through Urgent Care. The Richland Hospital campus continues to phase in a re-opening of their facility for voluntary medical procedures and Primary Care visits will continue to expand over the next few weeks. Additional information about the online or telemedicine services being offered can be found at <https://www.richlandhospital.com/online-services/>.

It was announced that Farm Aid, in partnership with WFU and other organizations, is currently awarding \$500 emergency relief grants to help farmers in the Great Lakes region. These funds are available to help with household expenses including groceries, medical expenses, housing bills, etc. Online applications opened on June 6th at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FarmAidCOVIDGreatLakes>. Applications will be reviewed on a weekly basis until the funds run out.

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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