

Urgent News Release #72

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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 22nd the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) confirmed that in the state of Wisconsin there were 25,068 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 466,634 have tested negative, there were 745 deaths, and 3,231 hospitalizations due to COVID-19. Of those that tested positive for COVID-19 in the state of Wisconsin, 13% have been hospitalized. There remain 15 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Richland County, 1,343 have tested negative, there have been 4 deaths, and 10 individuals who had tested positive have been released from quarantine.

The Richland Hospital Coronavirus Hotline and drive-thru respiratory care services remain **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

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facility. 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.

It was announced that the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) issued guidance on a safe return to in-person instruction yesterday and the “Education Forward” document contains scenarios and considerations for safely and successfully reopening Wisconsin schools for the 2020-21 school year amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

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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