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Richland County Emergency Management

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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, July 29th the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) confirmed that in the state of Wisconsin there were 51,049 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 851,391 have tested negative, there were 911 deaths, and 4,539 hospitalizations due to COVID-19. Of those that tested positive for COVID-19 in the state of Wisconsin, 9% have been hospitalized. There are now 25 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Richland County, 7 individuals remain in quarantine, 2,523 have tested negative, there have been 4 deaths, and 14 individuals who had tested positive have been released from quarantine.

Finalized data from the Richland County COVID-19 community testing event held on Tuesday, July 21st was received. Of the 273 tests that were administered that day, 2 Richland County residents who were symptomatic tested positive and 271 individuals

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tested negative. Richland County Public Health strongly recommends wearing a mask when in public, continue social distancing, and practice excellent personal hygiene to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

The Richland Hospital Clinic campus continues to offer voluntary medical procedures and Primary Care visits, while also continuing to offer Tele-Health patient visits. Richland Hospital Clinic 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. Anyone entering the facility will be asked to wear a mask. If possible, please bring your own mask with you.

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/. 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. 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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