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RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS
TWO ADDITIONAL COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS

Richland Center, WI: Richland County Health Officer, Rose Kohout announced this morning that Richland County has experienced two additional COVID-related deaths overnight. Kohout confirms the ninth and tenth COVID-related deaths 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. As of 3:00pm Wednesday, October 28th there were 471 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Richland County, 6,902 have tested negative, there are 156 active cases, and 307 individuals who had tested positive have been released from quarantine. Of those 471 individuals who tested positive, 461 individuals have been recovering at home, 25 have been hospitalized at some point, and there are now 10 COVID-19 related deaths.

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:

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- Stay 6 feet from others;

- 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;

- Wear a mask;

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

- Regularly clean high-touch surfaces;

- Do not shake hands;

- Avoid touching your face; and

- Stay home.

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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