

Urgent News Release #118

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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 afternoon that Richland County has experienced two additional COVID-related deaths. Kohout confirms the eleventh and twelfth 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, November 18th there were 741 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Richland County, 7,504 have tested negative, there are 297 active cases, and 432 individuals who had tested positive have been released from quarantine. Of those 741 individuals who tested positive, 729 individuals have been recovering at home, 35 have been hospitalized at some point, and there are now 12 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:

- 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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