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TO: Burnett County

FROM: Burnett County Department of Health and Human Services

RE: COVID-19 Update, Information and Resources

With the upcoming holiday, there has been significant discussion around the state regarding the Safer At Home order and how this impacts religious services and congregations gathering in their churches or other places of worship. The goal of Wisconsin's Safer At Home order is to save lives. COVID-19 is an infectious disease that knows no boundaries or borders. The more infected people there are, the more strain will be placed on our health care system, leading to devastating results.

Businesses defined in the Governor's order as essential businesses and operations do not include faith-based organizations or places of worship. The intent of the order is to limit gatherings of people and person-to-person contact in an effort to protect the health and safety of all. We continue to see faith-based organizations within Burnett County find ways to continue to serve their congregations during this tremendously difficult time. Many are utilizing technology as a way to continue to provide those services.

We are asking everyone to stay at home because we know that it is the one thing we can all do together to keep our loved ones safe.

Burnett County Information:

Burnett County continues to report no positive cases of COVID-19.

Why do we need to continue to follow the Safer At Home order when our community does not have a confirmed case? Many new cases are confirmed every day in our state. Community spread is now documented across Wisconsin and cases are being continually identified in previously unaffected areas. Because of this, it matters less if we have cases in a defined geographic area, because we are all part of a social network that has connections from across the state and country to places where people have tested positive for COVID-19.

We would encourage you to keep up to date through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website (www.dhs.wisconsin.gov), as well through the CDC (www.cdc.gov).

If you have general questions or concerns regarding COVID-19, please call 211.

How to Protect Yourself:

Earlier this week, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services updated the list of possible symptoms related to COVID-19:

People with confirmed infections have a range of symptoms, from little to no symptoms to people being severely sick and dying. Symptoms may include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fatigue

- Body or muscle aches
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Loss of smell
- Loss of taste

Not everyone with COVID-19 has all of these symptoms. For many, symptoms are mild, with no fever. It is important to know that you can still spread (transmit) the virus to others even if you have mild or no symptoms.

The CDC believes that symptoms of COVID-19 appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after contact with someone who has COVID-19.

For further information see the attached link to DHS:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/symptoms.htm>

Self-Care Resources:

Late last week, Governor Evers announced the launch of Resilient Wisconsin: Connected. Stronger. Thriving.

Excellent resources for individuals, families and communities can be found at this link:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/resilient.htm>

Also, check out this link from UW-Extension:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/covid19/>

Financial Resources:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/toughtimes/covid-19-financial-resources/>