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Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in Burnett County

Burnett County Public Health received notification of five confirmed cases of COVID-19. Burnett County currently has nineteen positive cases of COVID-19. Five cases have recovered. The positive cases were reported yesterday, August 2, 2020 as well as earlier today, August 3, 2020. Two of the confirmed positive cases are asymptomatic. Asymptomatic testing is recommended by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) primarily for pre-procedure patients, nursing home staff and close contacts of positive cases. A confirmed case of an asymptomatic individual reaffirms everyone who can safely wear a mask should do so.

All of the cases are currently isolating at home. Contact tracing and investigation is underway.

Burnett County Public Health and the Burnett County COVID-19 Response Team have been preparing for positive cases of COVID-19 and are taking the necessary steps to limit further spread.

Everyone can do their part to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Please remember:

- Avoid social gatherings with anyone other than people who live in your home (no playdates, dinner parties, sleepovers, large family dinners, individual visitors). Avoid large gatherings.
- Practice physical distancing from others, staying six (6) feet apart. Follow the recently issued statewide face covering order. Information on the order can be found here: <https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>
- Wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough/sneeze.
- Avoid touching your face.
- If you get sick, call your hospital/doctor before going in.

Burnett County Public Health and the Burnett County COVID-19 Response Team are ready to handle positive cases of COVID-19. We will continue to work with Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Centers for Disease Control, and our local partners to make sure our community remains safe and healthy.

For more information on COVID-19 call 211 or visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

You can also follow Burnett County Public Health and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services on Facebook.