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Sauk County Public Health Announces New COVID-19 Test Results on Website

Sauk County—Sauk County Public Health will start posting updated COVID-19 test counts and results for Sauk County residents on its website (<https://www.co.sauk.wi.us/publichealth/coronavirus>) starting Monday, March 23, 2020. These results will be updated daily at 4:00 pm.

“We are committed to updating local test results,” said Tim Lawther, Sauk County Health Officer. “Although there are 4 cases of confirmed COVID-19 in Sauk County as of 4:00 pm, March 23, we should assume there are undiagnosed cases of COVID-19 in our community. That’s why it’s so important that every one of us practice basic prevention measures, especially social distancing” said Lawther. The best prevention measures everyone should be taking include:

- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet between yourself and others
- Frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and water
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your face
- Stay home unless it is urgent that you go somewhere, especially when sick
- Stay away from people who are sick
- Call your healthcare provider before you go in

“Because of limited testing supplies and lab capacity, we are prioritizing hospitalized patients and healthcare workers with fever and symptoms of lower respiratory illness for testing,” said Tim Lawther, Sauk County Health Officer. “Other residents should not expect to be tested at this time.”

People who have a fever (over 100.4 degrees) and cough should quarantine at home and monitor their symptoms. If symptoms get worse, especially if you start to experience difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, you should call your healthcare provider.

The vast majority of people with COVID-19 will get better resting at home. **People are able to stop self-quarantine 7 days after symptoms appear, AND at least 72 hours without a fever (without the aid of medication), AND improvement in other symptoms.**

“We should all be thinking about how we can decrease close contacts and crowded environments while COVID-19 is spreading in the state,” said Lawther.

This is a rapidly evolving situation. For the latest information, visit the CDC’s website (www.cdc.gov/COVID19), the DHS website (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>), or the Sauk County Public Health website (<https://www.co.sauk.wi.us/>).