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### **Sauk County Positive COVID-19 Cases Increase with More Testing**

**Sauk County, WI** – The number of Sauk County residents with positive tests for COVID-19 has increased from forty-five (45) on April 29, to fifty-eight (58) on April 30. “As expected, the more tests that are conducted, the more positive cases of COVID we will find,” said Tim Lawther, Sauk County Health Officer. “We have been telling folks all along that there was more spread of COVID across the county than the early numbers indicated, and this increase today is an indication of that.”

Sauk County Public Health has been working with local, state, and national partners to increase the amount of testing that is done in Sauk County. There have been two (2) large testing events over the past week and those results are starting to come in. “It is vital that we continue to expand our local testing capacity so that we can begin testing people with even mild symptoms for COVID,” said Lawther. “That is the only way we will be able to prevent further spread of this virus as we begin to get our local businesses opened up and people back to work doing all the things that make Sauk County such a great place to be.”

In addition to preventing further spread of the virus by isolating people with COVID-19 from the general public, more testing will allow Sauk County Public Health to expand its surveillance activities to get ahead of any potential clusters of COVID in local communities before they can turn into an outbreak, thereby reducing risk to the general public even further.

Sauk County Public Health will continue to work closely with area hospitals, clinics, and healthcare providers to expand opportunities for people to get tested. “In the coming weeks, we will also partner with all sorts of community organizations to further expand resident’s ability to be tested,” said Lawther.

For more information on COVID-19, please visit a reliable source, including:

- Sauk County Public Health: <https://www.co.sauk.wi.us/publichealth/coronavirus>; Sauk County COVID hotline @ (608) 355-3200; or the Public Health Department @ (608) 355-3290
- The Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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