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## June 9, 2020- Key COVID-19 Updates for the Whitewater Community

### W.R.A.P. Wisconsin Rental Assistance Program available in Rock, Walworth and Jefferson Counties

In collaboration with the Department of Administration, through the CARES Act, Community Action, Inc. and Community Action Coalition are assisting households who are struggle to pay rent due to incomes loss from COVID-19. Please visit their web sites for more information.

Rock County and Walworth assistance - <https://community-action.org/housing/wrap-in-rock-and-walworth-counties/>

Jefferson County assistance - <https://www.cacscw.org/wrap/#1591213905185-b322954e-4c1f>

### Key Updates 6/8/2020

#### Community Testing

- The Sheriff's Office and public health continue to work on coordinating a community testing site in Elkhorn at the end of June.
- More information will be made available when confirmed.

#### EMS, Clinics, and Long Term Care

- [DHS Offers Direct Payments to Long-Term Care Service Providers and Facilities, Emergency Medical Services, and Clinics Affected by COVID-19 Pandemic - https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/060520.htm](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/060520.htm)
- Additional information included on the [DHS COVID-19 CARES Act Provider Payments page - https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/dpp.htm](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/dpp.htm)
- [Applications due June 30 - https://dcpp.wi.gov/s/login/?language=en\\_US&startURL=%2Fs%2F&ec=302](https://dcpp.wi.gov/s/login/?language=en_US&startURL=%2Fs%2F&ec=302)

#### DHS Updates

- Due to staffing shortages the state run isolation facility in Milwaukee closed effective 6/7/2020
- DHS has released guidance on adult day services, care center, programs, and adult pre-vocational programs on their [Long Term Care Facilities page - https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/ltc.htm](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/ltc.htm).

- DHS has posted guidance for beaches on their [Community Page](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community.htm) - <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community.htm>. Walworth County continues to encourage beach goers to adhere to physical distancing practices and maintaining distance between you and people not from your household at the beach.

#### *Childhood Immunizations*

- Amid declining vaccination rates for children DHS has launched the [“Strengthen Their Circle”](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/moms.htm) - <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/moms.htm> campaign promoting soon to be parents to plan to protect their baby against vaccine preventable disease after they are born.
- Public Health has set the goal to resume our administration of vaccines for children beginning July 1, 2020.

## Key Updates 6/9/2020

### *Community Testing*

- The Sheriff’s Office and public health continue to work on coordinating a community testing site in Elkhorn at the County Fair Grounds
- The testing is tentatively scheduled for June 22-23 from 10am-6pm, pending National Guard approval.

### *Business*

- A tool kit for businesses and employers has been added to the DHS business page - <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/employers.htm>.
- This page contains tips on coping, stress, interrupted employment, essential workers, and resources to promote controlling disease in your workplace.

### *Summer Fun*

- DHS has added information to their [Avoid Illness webpage](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/protect.htm) - <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/protect.htm> on a bunch of different summer topics relating to staying healthy this summer.
- Many of these questions link to other resources and make navigating to the information you’re looking for a little bit easier.

### *Resilient Wisconsin*

- Walworth County received another overdose spike alert for overdoses that occurred between 5/31/2020 and 6/6/2020. This indicates that our county had more ambulance calls for suspected opioid overdoses than we usually do during that week.
- Behavioral health and substance abuse prevention remains a key priority for our community.
- Know someone who needs help? Resources are available:
  - Walworth County HHS at (262) 741-3200
  - [Resilient Wisconsin](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/resilient/index.htm) - <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/resilient/index.htm>
  - Or get involved in a community coalition, Join [Walworth County Drug and Alcohol Coalition](https://walcodac.com/) - <https://walcodac.com/>