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## June 11, 2020- Key COVID-19 Updates for the Whitewater Community

### Key Updates

#### *Community Testing*

- The National Guard will host a community testing site at the Walworth County Fair Grounds on 6/22-6/23 from 10am-6pm.
- Flyers and a press release will be available for distribution early next week.

#### *Phases and Guidance*

- Walworth County Public Health is working on additional phased reopening guidance that will be available next week.
- Metrics and gating criteria specific to Walworth County will be published on the County Website when finalized into a format easily understandable by the community.

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#### *Food Assistance*

More households will be able to get groceries through The Emergency Food Assistance Program. Households with incomes below 300 percent of the federal poverty level are now eligible to receive a monthly share of locally grown, Grade-A foods that include meat, vegetables, fruit, juice, and more. For a household of one, that income threshold is \$38,280. The larger the household, the higher the income threshold. Previously TEFAP's qualifying income threshold was 185% FPL, or \$23,606 for a household of one. [Learn more - https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/060820.htm](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/060820.htm).

#### *Rental Assistance*

Applications are now being accepted for the pandemic Rental Assistance Program. Grants of up to \$3,000 will be given to property owners to help their tenants pay for rent and security deposits. Payments will be made directly to landlords. Eligible applicants must have a household income at or below 80 percent of the county median income, and must provide documentation showing that they've had significant loss of income due to COVID-19.

To apply, call ADVOCAP, Inc. at (920) 922-7760. You can also learn more about the Rental Assistance Program by visiting the [Department of Administration \(DOA\) website - https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/home.aspx](https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/home.aspx).