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

Key Walworth County Updates

Community Testing

- o July 14 & 15th, 10am-6pm: Big Foot High School
- o July 28 & 29th, 10am-6pm: Lake Geneva Middle School
- o Testing is open to any Wisconsin resident 5 years of age or older

Walworth County Key Indicators

The Walworth County COVID-19 Key Indicators are updated on our [website](#) every Thursday afternoon

Mask Mandates

Dane County has imposed a mask mandate and the cities of Milwaukee and Green Bay are considering similar mandates. At this time, Walworth County Public Health is supportive of the use of face coverings, especially when physical distancing is not possible, but is not proposing or exploring mandates. <https://www.cbs58.com/news/milwaukee-citywide-mask-mandate-now-circulating-through-common-council>

DHS Outbreak Response

After initially pledging to release the names of businesses and other places where there have been outbreaks (two or more confirmed cases with illness onset within 72 hours of each other), the Department of Health Services has now shelved this plan. <https://www.wisn.com/article/coronavirus-wisconsin-wont-name-businesses-with-multiple-cases/33227480#>

New Guidance

- o DHS: [Seasonal Workers](#) (under the 'For Businesses and Employers' tab)
- o DHS: [Cloth Face Coverings in Schools](#)
- o CDC: [Natural Disasters, Severe Weather, and COVID-19](#)

- o [Wisconsin State Park Group Camping](#) for 50 People or Less Starts July 13

Frequently Asked Questions

- ***What is the definition a close contact? If a person has 15 minutes or more of exposure over the course of a day, would they be considered close contact?***

Based on CDC and DHS guidance, one definition of a close contact is being within 6 feet of a person with confirmed or probable COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes during a single day. For example, this could be 15 + minutes of sustained contact closer than 6 feet or three, five minute periods of contact closer than 6 feet over the course a day. Both of these examples would be considered close contact. Close contacts should wait at least 48 hours after exposure before they are tested, because SARS CoV-2 is most commonly first detectable 3-5 days after exposure. A negative test result does not exempt a close contact from the requirement to quarantine, which should be continued for the recommended 14 days in all cases. In some cases, repeat testing near the end of the quarantine period may be considered to exclude asymptomatic infection before resuming activities that involve close contact with individuals at risk for severe COVID-19.

- ***What methods can be used to determine appropriate limits on mass gathering attendance?***

There is no standard legal or scientific definition of a mass gathering. Jurisdictions use a variety of methods to determine the maximum allowable attendance at a mass gathering.

The ability to maintain physical distancing recommendations during an event should remain a primary consideration when event planning. This likely means reducing the maximum capacity of an event space. Walworth County's COVID-19 Phased Guidance can be used to support local decision making regarding mass gatherings. <https://www.co.walworth.wi.us/DocumentCenter/View/3774/Walworth-County-COVID-19-Phased-Guidance?bidId=>