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### **CITY OF WAUPUN CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE**

**Waupun, Wis.** – Dodge County Public Health released a statement stating that community spread has been identified in Dodge County. As we have monitored the information coming out of Dodge and Fond du Lac Counties, confirmed cases had always been able to be tracked back to contact with individuals who had already tested positive or those who had returned from areas where known community spread was happening. So what is community spread and why is it important to Governor Evers Safer at Home order. Community spread means there are people testing positive who have no exposures to a known case nor did they travel to a location where known community spread is happening. Dodge County Public Health Officer Abby Sauer stated “If you leave home, assume that you may come into contact with COVID-19.” With known community spread now happening in Dodge County, we are again calling on all citizens of Waupun to do their part. One trait that has helped America be the great nation it is, is the resiliency of its people. We are calling on citizens to come together and do what is best for our cities, our states, and the United States of America. Please take the COVID-19 situation seriously! Make sure that any trips outside your home are essential. This virus doesn’t spread on its own. It spreads when we move from place to place and interact with others. Here is a reminder of the simple steps everyone should be taking to protect themselves and their families:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Stay at home.

- Limit your physical interactions to the same people during this time. Less than five people total will help us stop the virus from spreading.
- Keep at least 6 feet apart from others and avoid direct physical contact.
- Limit the amount of time you spend making essential trips to the grocery store or to pick up medication.
- Make essential trips no more than once a week.
- Stay in touch over the phone with your family and friends as much as possible

We have been getting questions asking where folks who have tested positive for COVID-19 live. In 1996 a federal law known as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) was passed which restricts access to an individual's private medical information. As a result, we want our citizens to know that we are not provided any specific patient information from the hospitals or the health departments.

At the direction of the state, we continue moving forward with the April 7th election. Our goal this year is to have a 100% absentee vote. Voters can go online to request an absentee ballot at <https://myvote.wi.gov>. If you don't have internet access, you may pick up an application at City Hall between 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Absentee ballots must be received, not postmarked, by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7. The city hall drop box is available for in-person drop off which is located on the exterior of the main entrance on Forest Street.

City of Waupun staff will continue to monitor the situation and will provide regular updates to our community to promote public health and welfare.

Stay safe, stay home, and we'll talk again soon Waupun!

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