



## Fond du Lac County Health Department

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Late last night Saturday evening, Fond du Lac County received the latest batch of pending COVID-19 test results. Fond du Lac County had 30 tests returned and of those tests returned, 25 tests were negative and 5 tests were positive. All 5 individuals who tested positive were notified. Of the 5 positive cases, 4 individuals were from the Egyptian river cruise and 1 individual was from domestic travel to Wisconsin. All 5 of these tests were anticipated to be positive. With the addition of these 5 cases, this brings our total positive case count to 11. The 25 negative tests were from individuals who felt they had been exposed to a known COVID-19 case and they developed symptoms. Since the tests came back negative, this tells us that community transmission did not occur in these people. This does not mean community transmission is not occurring though; we just do not see it with the results we have gotten back so far.

This situation is far from over. We have many people currently being testing and many people who will need testing in the future. As spring break is getting closer, I urge everyone to practice social distancing, keep your distance of about 6 feet or more from others. Be aware of how you are feeling and how others around you are feeling. If you are sick, stay home from work, wash your hands frequently especially before eating or drinking, properly dispose of your tissues, and clean and disinfect surface areas frequently. Avoid all unnecessary travel.

Fond du Lac County is in a good position right now. I believe we are working as a strong community and are moving in the right direction with all the positive social distancing decisions we have been making. For this, I truly thank you.

Starting tomorrow, the Fond du Lac County Health Department and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services will be welcoming members of the CDC to Fond du Lac to assist in the response to COVID-19.

A helpline is established for individuals who believe they have been in contact with a known COVID-19 case exposure and who believe they may be symptomatic, which includes having a fever, cough and shortness of breath. That helpline number is 1-844-225-0147. Again, this line is set up for Fond du Lac County residents only. If you are from another county, please contact your primary care provider for next steps. A quick reminder that if you are experiencing

symptoms but no known COVID-19 case exposure, this is very common. We have lots of respiratory illness circulating right now. If you fall into this category, we want you to call your primary care provider for direction if you feel you need help.

If you have tested positive for the COVID-19 and need emergency services, please be sure to tell the 911 dispatcher when requesting assistance of your status.

If you believe someone who has tested positive is not following self-isolation instructions, please call the health department at 929-3085.

If you have general questions regarding COVID-19, please call 211.

Effective Monday, March 16, the Fond du Lac County Health Department is closed to all essential services except for the WIC Program. This will allow Health Department staff to focus on the response to the COVID-19 outbreak. We will provide an update regarding the status of the Health Department when the status changes.