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Fond du Lac County now has 12 active cases of COVID-19. Nine cases are directly related to the Egyptian River Cruise, two were from domestic travel and the newest one was a contact of one of the positive cases from the river cruise. The health department staff are working on identifying anyone who has been in contact with the individual who tested positive. We continue to contact all of the other positive cases daily.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene have implemented a prioritized process for testing. This does not mean that people won't be tested if they fit the criteria set up, but there may be delays in getting testing results. The Fond du Lac County Health Department does not have any control over who gets tested or not or how fast we receive the results.

Governor Evers directed all bars and restaurants to close or only offer a pick-up option for people to receive food. All gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited as well. We are working with the local law enforcement agencies and the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office to ensure compliance of these orders. Our hope is that everyone will voluntarily comply, as we all need to do our part to combat the spread.

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.

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