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NEWS RELEASE

To: Local Media

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COVID-19 Weekday Update

As of today at 2:00pm, there have been 6,854 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the State of Wisconsin. Statewide, 316 individuals have died due to complications related to COVID-19. In Rock County, there have been a total of 198 confirmed positive cases and six deaths. There have been a minimum of 1,961 negative tests results reported in our county.

Please visit our website, www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth for additional local COVID-19 information updated daily.

Supporting Safe Reopening In Rock County

We cannot express enough our gratitude for and appreciation of the immense sacrifices that many in our community have been and continue to make to keep it safe.

The Rock County Public Health Department is working hard to trace and track all cases in our community to better understand and contain the spread of COVID-19. Based on information about positive tests for COVID-19, we are also carefully using quarantine and isolation measures to protect families and communities from the spread of COVID-19. This will help us reopen Rock County as quickly and safely as possible.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has resources available to support the safe reopening of our community, including tips and tools for employee and customer safety, cleaning and sanitation, and monitoring and reporting outbreaks. The Rock County Public Health Department will continue to closely monitor local and regional data and work with all partners to develop plans that promote the health of our local communities.

The public should continue to follow these preventive steps to protect our families, neighbors, and communities from the spread of this virus:

- Avoiding social gatherings of any size, with people of all ages who do not live together (including playdates and sleepovers, parties, large family dinners, visitors and non-essential workers in your house);

- Practicing physical distancing when out in the community by staying 6 feet away from others;
- If you feel comfortable doing so, wearing cloth face coverings;
- Taking special precautions to protect high-risk individuals;
- Frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and water;
- Covering coughs and sneezes (into the sleeve, elbow, or tissue, and not hands);
- Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces;
- Not shaking hands;
- Avoiding touching your face;
- Staying at home as much as possible.

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