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NEWS RELEASE

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COVID-19 Daily Update

As of today at 2:00pm, there are 842 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the State of Wisconsin. Statewide, 13 individuals have died due to complications related to COVID-19. There are a total of 12 confirmed positive cases in Rock County.

Please visit <https://www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth-familycommunity/publichealth-communicabledisease/coronavirus-disease-2019> to view the Daily Rock County COVID-19 Update.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Initiative

On March 26, 2020, Governor Tony Evers launched an initiative designed to get more personal protective equipment (PPE), such as gowns, gloves, and masks, to those working on the frontlines of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wisconsinites can now go to <https://covid19supplies.wi.gov/Donations> to either donate or sell large quantities of PPE to the State of Wisconsin. The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) will then work to distribute the PPE to communities that need it the most, including Rock County.

The state is currently seeking the following items:

- Surgical Gowns (S, L, XL, and XXL)
- Face/Surgical Masks (adult, pediatric)
- Gloves (Nitrile, Vinyl, or Butyl)
- N-95 Particulate Respirators
- Isolation Gowns
- Face Shields
- Tyvek Coveralls
- Thermometers
- Foot Coverings

If organizations or businesses have quantities of fewer than 50 of any of these items, they are encouraged to donate them to local health organizations instead of going through the buyback website.

The SEOC and Department of Health Services continue working to supply medical facilities with supplies requested from the SNS. So far, the state has received about 104,680 N95 respirators; 260,840 face/surgical masks; 48,168 face shields; 40,512 surgical gowns; 192 coveralls; and 70,375 pairs of gloves from the SNS. Local health organizations in Rock County received a portion of these supplies. The state has also requested assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with purchasing supplies for use by first responders.

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