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NEWS RELEASE

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COVID-19 Weekday Update

As of today at 2:00pm, there have been 12,885 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the State of Wisconsin. Statewide, 467 individuals have died due to complications related to COVID-19. In Rock County, there have been a total of 438 confirmed positive cases, an increase of 6 from this time yesterday and a total of 14 COVID-19 related deaths. There have been a minimum of 4,475 negative tests results reported in our county, 99 of those being reported today.

As of this morning, our Rock County hospitals- Mercyhealth, SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital- Janesville, Edgerton Hospital and Health Services, and Beloit Health System- are providing in-patient care for 18 patients who have tested positive for COVID-19, the same number as yesterday. Please keep in mind that hospital census changes frequently.

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

Rock County Reopening Plan Announced Today

The Rock County Public Health Department has released a phased reopening plan for the county with guidance for safely reopening, along with a data dashboard monitoring benchmarks used to indicate a readiness for easing restrictions. Based on those metrics and the current status of COVID-19 in Rock County, it has been determined that we are in a position to cautiously move to Phase 1, outline in the new plan. Therefore, Health Officer Sandoval will be terminating Rock County's Safer At Home Order, effective on Thursday, May 21st at 8:00am CST:
https://www.co.rock.wi.us/images/web_documents/departments/health/Safer%20At%20Home%20Termination%20Order.pdf

The Rock County Reopening Plan, data dashboard, and other updates can be found on our website: www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth

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