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NEWS RELEASE

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COVID-19 Weekday Update

As of today at 2:00pm, there have been 13,885 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the State of Wisconsin. Statewide, 487 individuals have died due to complications related to COVID-19. In Rock County, there have been a total of 493 confirmed positive cases, an increase of 41 from this time yesterday and a total of 14 COVID-19 related deaths. There have been a minimum of 4,708 negative tests results reported in our county, 116 of those being reported today.

The community-wide COVID-19 testing events happening in Beloit through Friday, May 22nd will have a significant impact on the number of test results we report in the coming weeks.

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 19 patients who have tested positive for COVID-19, a decrease of 2 from 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.

How Can You Help?

There are so many ways each and every community member in Rock County can help us with contact tracing and reducing the spread of COVID-19, even without actually being a contact tracer! Here are some way you can help:

- Answer your phone, even if it's a number you don't recognize (It might be us!)
- Check your voicemails regularly (You might have a message from us!)
- If you are out and about outside of your home; keep a running list of place you went and people you might have been in contact with.
- Keep the number of people you have close contact with as low as possible.

The success of contact tracing really depends on our ability to get in touch with those affected by, or potentially infected with COVID-19 and make sure they quarantine and

isolate themselves from others. Thank you for all of your continued help and hard work keeping Rock County safe and healthy!

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