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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**COVID-19 Weekday Update**

As of today at 2:00pm, there have been 9,215 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the State of Wisconsin. Statewide, 374 individuals have died due to complications related to COVID-19. In Rock County, there have been a total of 324 confirmed positive cases, an increase of 13 from this time yesterday, and a total of 12 COVID-19 related deaths. There have been a minimum of 2,847 negative tests results reported in our county, 219 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 19 patients who have tested positive for COVID-19. That is an increase of 2 from yesterday.

Please visit our website, [www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth](http://www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth) for additional local COVID-19 information updated daily.

**Rock County Facility-Wide COVID-19 Investigations**

The Rock County Public Health Department would like to inform the community about new data available on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website related to local impact of COVID-19. <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/investigations.htm> has information about COVID-19 public health investigations that are taking place by type of facilities in our region and county. The types of facilities that are included are long term care facilities, workplaces (non-healthcare), group housing facilities, healthcare facilities, and other settings. A single case of COVID-19 in a long term care facility initiates a facility-wide public health investigation and two cases of COVID-19 in the other settings listed initiate a facility-wide public health investigation.

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