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NEWS RELEASE

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Rock County to Stay In Phase Two of Reopening Guidance

After evaluating data and key information, the Rock County Public Health Department recommends that we continue to follow the Phase Two Reopening Guidance. The benchmarks in the Rock County Reopening Phased Plan and data dashboard have not been met. The Rock County Public Health Department will continue to monitor the data and re-evaluate the local COVID-19 situation.

Rock County is seeing an increasing number of young people who are becoming infected with COVID-19. Of the 223 confirmed cases in June, 60% were under the age of 40 and 25% were between the ages of 20 and 29. You need to protect yourself from COVID-19 and remember that no one is safe from this virus. If you are a young adult, you may not become severely ill if infected, but you can pass it to others who may become very sick.

The Rock County Public Health Department is strongly encouraging everyone to wear cloth face coverings when around people who are not part of your household, especially when social distancing of at least six feet is difficult. The latest research shows that wearing face coverings can significantly reduce the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. Your decisions affect others. You must take every possible precaution to help keep our community healthy.

Our work is not over, and we need to continue to actively fight the virus that causes COVID-19 by following the guidance provided. Every time you leave your home, you can make choices that help to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Do this by wearing cloth face coverings, practicing good hygiene, distancing from others, and staying home when you are sick. Thank you for doing your part to keep our community safe! Enjoy the holiday weekend safely, and help ensure that Rock County stays open and healthy!

For the latest information about COVID-19 in Rock County, or to view the Rock County Reopening Phased Plan and updated data dashboard, visit the Rock County Public Health Department’s website at www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth.

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