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NEWS RELEASE

To: Local Media
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COVID-19 Weekday Update

As of today at 2:00pm, there have been 11,275 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the State of Wisconsin. Statewide, 434 individuals have died due to complications related to COVID-19. In Rock County, there have been a total of 393 confirmed positive cases, an increase of 13 from this time yesterday, and a total of 14 COVID-19 related deaths. There have been a minimum of 3,930 negative tests results reported in our county, 225 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 17 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.

Rock County Safer At Home Order

A Rock County Safer-at-Home Order was issued on May 13, 2020 by Public Health Officer Marie-Noel Sandoval. The order incorporates the elements of Secretary Palm's order and will be in place until May 26. The COVID-19 situation in Rock County does not justify that we can safely re-open 100% at the current time. Working with local municipalities, business groups, health care providers, and community organizations, the RCPHD is developing plans for scaling back order restrictions as local data indicates. This approach will allow for our community to work together to stabilize the health and prosperity of Rock County in a safe and orderly fashion. The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) has developed guidelines for 'best practices' that will serve as a framework for businesses as we bounce back in Rock County. <https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>

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