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There is **significant uncontrolled spread** of COVID-19 in our community. We have seen exponential growth of cases the past few weeks. The number of new cases continues to accelerate upwards and is **exceeding the ability of testing and case investigation to control the spread of illness. Contact tracing capacity is significantly strained.**

Our goal remains to reach out to all confirmed cases within 24 hours of being reported to the health department, but due to the current surge in cases we are days behind this goal.

At this time, we will no longer be calling those individuals who are close contacts of a positive case.

We are seeking help from the community as a whole.

Currently, test results are taking up to 5-7 days. To keep our community safe, we ask you to remain isolated while awaiting your test results. You will be notified of **ALL** results, positive or negative, by your healthcare provider or testing facility.

If you have tested positive, we need you to do the following:

- Stay Home and isolate for a minimum of 10 days after symptom onset of symptoms. If you did not have symptoms and were tested, remain isolated for 10 days from the date of testing. For detailed instructions go to: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02627.pdf>
- Notify your employer. [Guidance for Business](#)
- Notify your close contacts asking them to quarantine for 14 days from last contact with you. Full instructions found here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02598a.pdf>

The Public Health Guidelines we know to be effective in reducing the spread of COVID-19 remain unchanged. We are urging the community to follow these guidelines to reduce further spread of COVID-19 in our community.

- **Stay Home, wear a face covering and physical distance (at least 6 feet)** Stay at home as much as possible and especially if you are sick. Cancel events and avoid groups, gatherings, play dates, and nonessential appointments.
- Avoid unnecessary activities and travel within the community that puts you in contact with others and stay away from group gatherings. Cases are resulting from a variety of situations in which people move about the community and gather, including parties, reunions, weddings, places of work and schools.

Please see [Door County Website](http://www.co.door.wi.gov) at www.co.door.wi.gov or [Wisconsin Department of Health Services](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm) at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm for additional information and resources.

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