



# Waupaca County

## Department of Health and Human Services

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### Preparing for COVID-19 and Other Respiratory Illnesses

In response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) situation we are issuing this news release to keep the Waupaca County community informed.

In Waupaca County, and in Wisconsin, the current risk of exposure to COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) remains low.

Waupaca County Public Health wants you to know that we are working with state and national experts to continuously monitor the COVID-19 situation. We are working to quickly identify and test anyone who may be infected to ensure they receive the appropriate level of care, and are isolated to prevent any additional transmission.

Currently, there has not been any identified person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, but there are still many other respiratory illnesses, including influenza, that are circulating. It is believed that the main way COVID-19 spreads to others is when someone with the virus coughs or sneezes, and this is the same way influenza and many other respiratory illnesses spread. Because of that, Waupaca County Public Health wants to take this opportunity to remind the public of important steps they can take to protect themselves and their families.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

Included below are links to trustworthy sources for information about COVID-19. As the COVID-19 situation evolves, we will keep the public informed of any changes to these recommendations. We are encouraging the public to reach out to their local public health agency with additional questions.

#### COVID-19 Resources

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

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