



## Washburn County Health Department

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### **COVID-19: Three Additional Deaths in Washburn County**

Washburn County, WI – The Washburn County Health Department is confirming three additional Washburn County residents have died due to COVID-19. We extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of these individuals. Our thoughts are with them. Further information is not being released out of respect for the privacy of the deceased and their loved ones.

Washburn County saw 443 new cases of COVID-19 in the month of November alone. The Health Department urges individuals to take the necessary steps to prevent additional illness and deaths. “Wearing a mask any time you have to be around non-household members is a simple step to protect your friends, family, and community from the virus so that we can keep our high-risk citizens safe and healthy,” says Cheri Nickell, Washburn County Health Officer. “We need individuals to make changes and take precautions to stop the spread of COVID-19.”

#### **Washburn County businesses and residents should take the following steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19:**

- Avoid social gatherings with anyone other than people who live in your home, as much as possible.
- Avoid large gatherings.
- Physical distancing of at least 6 feet from people who do not live together.
- Use of face masks or coverings when in public places.
- Frequent hand washing with soap and water, or sanitize with hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are unavailable.
- If experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/symptoms.htm>), isolate yourself as much as possible and get tested. Call your hospital/medical provider before visiting in-person.
- Businesses should follow the WEDC’s guidelines for reopening (<https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>)

Updated COVID-19 numbers are posted daily on the Washburn County Health Department [Facebook page](#) and on our [Coronavirus Outbreak webpage](#). A comprehensive breakdown of data is posted weekly on Thursdays in the same locations

Visit <https://www.co.washburn.wi.us/news/public-health/Coronavirus-Outbreak> for up-to-date resources and testing information. Questions can be directed to the Health Department at 715-635-4400 or by email to [health@co.washburn.wi.us](mailto:health@co.washburn.wi.us).