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NEWS RELEASE

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COVID-19 Weekday Update

As of today at 2:00pm, there are 4,499 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the State of Wisconsin. Statewide, 230 individuals have died due to complications related to COVID-19. There are a total of 80 confirmed positive cases in Rock County and four deaths. There have been a minimum of 1,246 negative tests results reported in our county.

Please visit our website, www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth for additional local COVID-19 information updated daily.

Increased Testing Capacity

Today, a press release from Governor Evers's laid out new initiatives around the state of Wisconsin that have and will continue to increase the number of Wisconsinites tested for COVID-19 each day. The press release can be found here:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIGOV/bulletins/2876dd0>

With an increased number of tests being performed, we expect to see even more positive cases in Rock County. Being able to identify more of the population that is infected gives us greater ability to reduce the spread of the virus in our community through contact tracing and disease investigations. While the continued increase of local positive COVID-19 cases may feel disheartening, it is important to remember that Safer At Home is working to keep those numbers as low as they are, and that increased testing is a huge step towards better understanding and control of COVID-19.

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