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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 16,462 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the State of Wisconsin. Statewide, 539 individuals have died due to complications related to COVID-19. In Rock County, there have been a total of 588 confirmed positive cases, an increase of 5 from this time yesterday and a total of 18 COVID-19 related deaths. There have been a minimum of 7,611 negative tests results reported in our county, 36 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 26 patients who have tested positive for COVID-19, a decrease of 1 from yesterday. Please keep in mind that hospital census changes frequently.

Please visit our website, [www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth](http://www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth) for additional local COVID-19 information updated daily.

**Reminder:** The Safer At Home Order was not ended because it's now safe out in the community. The virus has not changed and it is still spreading in Rock County. All of us need to adjust to a "new normal", and the Rock County Reopening Plan outlines what that might look like. Remember, we are all still safer at home.

**Awaiting COVID-19 Test Results**

If you have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting your test results, the Rock County Public Health Department is asking for your patience and understanding. You will be contacted as soon as your results are available, either by us, your medical provider, or the National Guard, if you were tested at a community testing event. While you are awaiting your results, please continue to follow quarantine guidelines, as it is possible you are infected with the virus and contagious to others.

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