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COVID-19 Disease Activity in Green County Remains Very High

Green County, WI – Green County is experiencing very high levels of COVID-19 disease activity, while cases of COVID-19 decrease across much of the United States. From October 27th to November 2nd, 107 Green County residents tested positive for COVID-19. This is the county's largest 7-day total during the surge in cases this fall. Green County Public Health investigated 14 COVID-19 outbreaks in the county since the start of October 2021.

"It is incredibly important that we turn around this increasing disease activity level as we head into the cooler winter months," said Health Officer RoAnn Warden. "Respiratory viruses increase during the winter, and last winter we saw a large surge in COVID-19 cases. We all need to continue practicing the habits that help prevent the spread of COVID-19."

In addition to the very high level of disease spread in the community, many Green County residents are experiencing severe disease – including needing to be hospitalized. In the past seven days, 9 Green County residents have been hospitalized for COVID-19. Additionally, from September 26th to October 30th there were 8 Green County residents who died due to COVID-19. Our thoughts are with the loved ones of those who have passed away because of COVID-19.

For over a year and a half now our community has grappled with the struggles that COVID-19 has caused. It may feel difficult to continue to take the precautions that prevent the spread of COVID-19, but these actions are extremely important. Limiting the spread of COVID-19 means that students can attend school in person, employees can continue to go to work and make a living, and that residents in long term care facilities can stay well. It has become more evident now than ever before that the health of community members is connected, and we must all work together to sustain our community's health.

Green County Public Health needs the help of Green County community members to take action against this virus. Please utilize the following preventative measures to protect the health of yourself and others:

- Get the COVID-19 vaccine
- Wear a mask when you're around other people
- Stay at least 6 feet away from other people
- Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer
- Stay home often, especially when you are sick
- Get tested for COVID-19 if you have symptoms

We ask this of you as fellow community members of Green County. COVID-19 does not have to be spreading at the rate that it is in Green County. We have a safe and effective way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 – the COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine is free, and anyone 5 years of age and older is eligible to get vaccinated. It is okay to have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, and we encourage those with questions to talk with their doctor about the vaccine. To find a COVID-19 vaccine provider please visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 or who has been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 should get tested. Our contact tracing staff have heard from people who thought their symptoms were just their yearly cold or seasonal allergies. Not everyone with COVID-19 has severe symptoms – but they could pass the virus on to someone who may develop serious symptoms. If you have a runny nose, cough, sore throat, headache, body aches, chills, loss of taste/smell, or a fever please get tested. To find a testing location near you please visit the Green County Public Health [website](https://www.greencountywi.org/public-health).



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We encourage everyone to stay up-to-date on the COVID-19 situation in Green County, and in Wisconsin. Please visit the Green County Public Health Facebook page and website, and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' website and social media pages.

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