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COVID-19 Still a Public Health Emergency. Stay the Course.

Menomonie—Dunn County Health Department. As of June 2, 2020 Dunn County has had 25 residents test positive for COVID-19. We are grateful to report that 24 people have been released from isolation and our newest case is isolating at home. While cases have doubled in some adjacent counties since the Wisconsin Safer at Home Order was discontinued, Dunn County cases have stayed flat. Our local Health Systems all agree that we need to stay the course and keep doing the things that have kept our community and neighbors safe and healthy.

- **Marshfield Clinic Health System** “Dunn County has been fortunate to have limited COVID-19 positive cases, to this point,” explains Jennifer Strong, M.D., family medicine physician at Marshfield Clinic – Menomonie Center, and medical advisor for the Dunn County Health Department. “We know what works and we’ve followed the guidelines of social distancing, wearing facemasks and frequent handwashing, and our community has benefited. It’s important that we continue to make responsible choices that not only protect us, but help keep our friends and neighbors safe who are at higher risk of COVID-19. We are learning more and more every day about this virus, and we are far from being clear of danger. For the health and safety of everyone in our community, please continue to follow the guidance of our public health officials.”
- **Mayo Clinic Health System-Red Cedar** “Safety precautions have helped keep rates of infection low in our area. Less than 1% of hospitalizations at Mayo Clinic Health System are COVID-19 related,” says Paul Horvath, M.D., site chair, Mayo Clinic Health System – Red Cedar in Menomonie. “We urge everyone to continue practices such as social distancing, washing your hands frequently, avoiding touching your face, wearing a mask in public and staying at home when sick to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.”
- **Prevea Health** “It is important moving forward to maintain the vigilance that has helped to keep our communities as healthy as can be during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Dr. Ken Johnson, Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Prevea Health. “We are not out of the woods of this pandemic; each of us plays a critical role in protecting the health and safety of all those who call Dunn County home.”

The Dunn County Health Department recognizes that these efforts are wearing on our community. We should all be proud of our efforts to keep our neighbors safe and healthy so far. What we are doing is working. We need to stay the course.

These are things that Dunn County residents should continue to do to protect themselves, their family and loved ones, their neighbors, and their communities:

- Practice good hand hygiene with thorough handwashing with soap and water.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Stay home when sick.
- Practice social distancing, keep six feet of space between you and others.
- Wear a cloth face covering when you are in public and unable to keep physically distant.
- Avoid public gatherings of more than 10 people in indoor settings and 20 people outdoors.
- Avoid traveling in ways that bring you into close contact with people from outside your household.

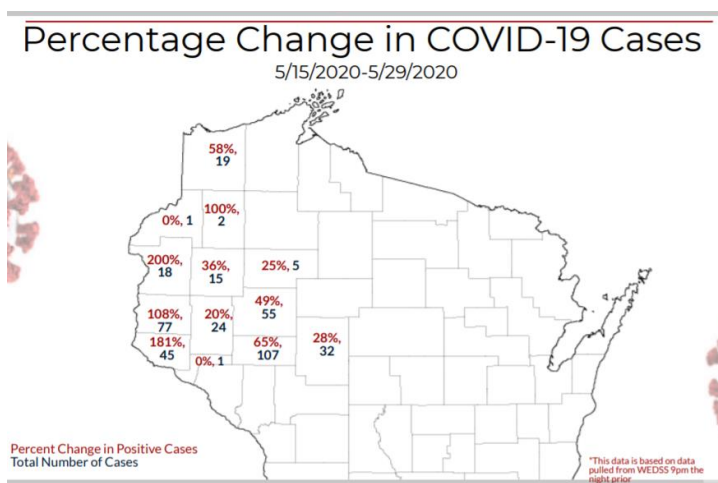
Local businesses play a big role in protecting customers and staff. Here are some state and national resources:

- Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation: <https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>
- Centers for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

Staying Informed:

- To stay up to date with current information we encourage you to check in with these different news sources.
 - Wisconsin Department of Health Services: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/>
 - Dunn County Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dunncountywi/>
- Your medical provider also has information on COVID-19 on their Health System website.
 - Marshfield Clinic Health System: <https://www.marshfieldclinic.org/specialties/infectious-diseases/coronavirus-update>
 - Mayo Clinic Health System: <https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org/covid19>
 - Prevea Health: <https://www.prevea.com/Ad-hoc-pages/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19>

If you have questions or immediate needs related to COVID-19, call United Way's 2-1-1 or text COVID-19 to 211211. We encourage you to frequently check the [Dunn County Health Department](#) website and to follow the [Dunn County Facebook](#) to keep up to date with the changes within our community.



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