This is an update on the activities of the Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) related to the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The Winnebago County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has continued its operation through this week with staff from the City of Rockford, Winnebago County Health Department, law enforcement, fire departments, Department of Human Services, and others. WCHD continues to be in Incident Command to prepare and respond in this evolving situation.

SURVEILLANCE and INFORMATION TO HEALTHCARE PROVIDER COMMUNITY

There are now five hundred and one (501) cases of confirmed COVID-19 in Winnebago County. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 do not include individuals who are evaluated by clinicians and diagnosed presumptively with COVID-19. There have been nineteen (19) deaths in our community, including residents from long-term-care facilities. Of those that have tested positive, one-hundred (100) have recovered.

Below are details on testing in Winnebago County as of May 2, 2020. Private laboratory information is provided voluntarily by hospital and clinic partners.

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*Note: Data are provisional as of 5/2/2020 and are subject to change. Number of negative tests may be higher than reported, as healthcare providers are voluntarily reporting negative results.

Health Department Disease Investigation staff continue to contact all individuals who are tested for COVID-19 to review isolation/quarantine directions and monitor all contacts to positive cases for development of symptoms.

Locations of concern are identified on the daily report and currently include 11 congregated settings.

WCHD held liaison calls on April 28 and May 1 with units of local government, transportation, public housing, education, emergency services, first responders, law enforcement, court system, correctional
facilities, and others to provide updates on disease activity, key messages, and review of pandemic response planning.

Daily briefings were held with the Infection Control Healthcare Provider Group.

Daily calls were held with the policy group to discuss local policy decisions and processes for the response.

The Data Intelligence Group continued to work on modeling for the next phase of the pandemic.

The WCHD Executive Order Strike Team issued a Summary of New Provisions regarding the Governor’s Executive Order 2020-32 which modifies the previous shelter in place order and is effective until May 30, 2020.

The WCHD Congregate Strike Team continues to be a support system for all of the facilities in Winnebago County by providing guidance and support to the staff, and residents of these facilities. This team is monitoring the logistical situation regarding a change is the Illinois Department of Public Health process for how these facilities are receiving supplies.

The WCHD Communities of Concern Strike Team was implemented this week and is working to ensure access to resources and direct communication in neighborhoods based on zip codes that we know have been most impacted by COVID-19 (have the largest percentage of positive cases/ number of residents). A group of WCHD staff and volunteers began canvassing the neighborhoods at 3pm Friday (05/01) and as of 4pm on Saturday (05/02), distributed prevention messaging and connected residents to with testing information and other resources in 3 census blocks within zip code 61102. More staff and volunteers will be out canvasing tomorrow in additional zip codes.

IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health) and IEMA (Illinois Emergency Management Agency) are in a unified command.

Drive-thru testing locations are available in our community. Individuals who are experiencing symptoms, are household contacts of individuals with symptoms of COVID-19, healthcare workers/first responders, or essential workers can go directly to the testing site. They do not need to call ahead and no appointment is needed, identification is needed (Driver’s license, school/work identification). There is no cost for the test and no citizenship/residency requirement. Tests are provided on a first come, first serve basis as only 500 tests are available each day at the two drive-thru locations barring inclement weather. Results may take up to 5 days.

- UIC Health Sciences Campus – Rockford – 7 days a week; 8am to 4pm, or until supplies last
- Auburn High School – Mon-Friday – 9am to 4:30pm, or until supplies last

Residents can also call ahead to their healthcare provider who will make arrangements to have them tested, or for more testing location, can go the IDPH website: https://dph.illinois.gov/testing

The EOC continues to receive donations for essential items, including handmade masks and PPE donations, at the collection site.
Essential services should continue to contact the Winnebago County Health Department if they are concerned about an employee testing positive for COVID-19. We can assist with communications to staff and the community.

JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

The Joint Information Center (JIC) was staffed with representatives from WCHD, City of Rockford, Rockford Area Visitors and Convention Bureau, Transform Rockford, and University of College of Medicine at Rockford.

Key Messages:

- Stay Home, Save Lives.
  - The Governor announced the extension of the Stay at Home order with some modification starting May 1 and lasting through May 30
  - Stay home as much as possible and only go out for essentials

- When you do go out in public for essentials, stay apart at least 6 feet and wear a handmade mask, especially in places were staying apart is more challenging like the grocery store or pharmacy.
  - The JIC is encouraging for only 1 shopper per household to go out so it is not a family event.
  - Beginning May 1, the general public will be required to wear a mask when in public. The JIC put out messaging for employers and public, including a letter to be sent to essential business about masking, signage, and floor markings.

- The Donation Center is open and the JIC is promoting donations. The JIC put out a news release promoting items that are still needed at the donation center.

- COVID-19 Community Based Triage, Testing, and Transfer is open 7 days a week from 8 am to 4 pm. The JIC is promoting the TTT in addition to the Auburn High School location for testing.

- The JIC is working with local agencies and community members to create COVID-19 materials in multiple languages and disseminate them appropriately.
  - The JIC is also working put the Daily Report into Spanish

- The Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) continues to work diligently to ensure that our community is ready to respond to protect the health and safety of our community.
  - The JIC continues to put out mental health messaging for the community with resources to seek help if needed.

- Persons over the age of 60 years and persons with chronic medical conditions are at greatest risk.
  - The JIC is putting out messaging to encourage people to go to the doctor to manage their chronic conditions.
  - After receiving information from the different healthcare PIO’s the JIC has put out messaging to encourage pregnant women to still go to their prenatal visits.

- New COVID-19 symptoms
  - The JIC has put out messaging with the CDC’s updated COVID-19 symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, loss of taste/smell, muscle pain, shaking with chills, and a sore throat.
• Cleaning
  o The JIC put out messaging about what to clean during COVID-19, such as frequently touched surfaces
  o Messaging was also put out about the danger of consuming cleaning and disinfecting products.
• Quarantine vs. Isolation
  o Messaging was put together to define the difference between quarantine and isolation
• Communities of Concern
  o The JIC put out messaging to explain that a team from WCHD will be going out to high risk ZIP codes to provide information and resources for COVID-19
• Anyone seeking care for influenza like illness or concerns about COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider before going into care. This assists the healthcare provider team in taking the necessary precautions to prevent the transmission.
• If you are managing a chronic condition, your doctor’s visits are essential. Stay in contact with your provider they may be able to offer telehealth services if you’re unable to go to your visit in person.
• IN ADDITION TO STAYING HOME, the public can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by:
  o WASHING YOUR HANDS OFTEN with soap and warm water.
  o COVERING YOUR COUGH; Cough and sneeze into your upper sleeve or a tissue that you throw away.
  o CLEANING SURFACES OFTEN, increase cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.
  o WEARING A MASK where you are out of the house, performing essential functions.
• If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19, call the Illinois Department of Public Health hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email DPH.SICK@Illinois.gov
• For questions and concerns regarding essential services in Winnebago County, email COVID19@wchd.org or view posted responses on our Home Page http://www.wchd.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=featured&Itemid=682 under the Stay At Home Order.

Materials Developed and/or Shared:

News Conferences
• April 27, 2020 – Testing Sites/ Percent Positive / Communities of Concern Strike Team/ Winnebago County Jail Location of Concern/
• April 30, 2020 – COVID-19 Testing, How Are Deaths from COVID-19 Determined / Prenatal Care and Well Child Visits are Essential / Public Health Workers providing support and education out in the communities of Concern / Living with COVID-19 in our community

WCHD Daily Report
• April 27, 2020
• April 28, 2020
• April 29, 2020
• April 30, 2020
May 1, 2020

Social Media Messages/infographics (https://www.facebook.com/WinnebagoCountyHealth/)
- What to Clean (04.27.2020)
- News conference live (04.27.2020)
- Stay Home, Save Lives (04.27.2020)
- Making a Mask (04.28.2020)
- Wear Denim (04.28.2020)
- Drive-Thru Testing Closure (04.28.2020)
- Stay Home, Save Lives (04.28.2020)
- Pregnant Women Stay In Contact With Doctor (04.28.2020)
- Don’t Eat of Inject Household Cleaning Products (04.28.2020)
- COVID-19 Donations Center (04.29.2020)
- On Shopper (04.29.2020)
- Updated COVID-19 Symptoms (04.28.2020)
- Stay Home, Save Lives (04.29.2020)
- Face Coverings (04.30.2020)
- News conference live (04.30.2020)
- Isolation and Quarantine (04.30.2020)
- Stay Home, Save Lives (04.30.2020)
- Mental Health Tip (05.01.2020)
- Social Distancing is a Must – Community of Concern Strike Team (05.1.2020)
- Shared City of Rockford – Governor’s New Executive Order Starts Today (05.01.2020)
- UIC Community-Based TTT Site Test Results (05.01.2020)
- Keep The Same Energy – Community of Concern Strike Team – (05.01.2020)
- Do You Need COVID-19 Testing (05.01.2020)
- Stay Home, Save Lives (05.01.2020)
- Health Care Visits Are Essential (05.02.2020)
- What to Know When Making A Face Mask (05.02.2020)
- Staying Home, Saving Lives (05.02.2020)

WCHD Website Updates (www.wchd.org)
- Summary of new provisions from Executive Order 2020-32 issued by Governor Pritzker on April 30, 2020 modifies the previous shelter in place order
- Daily reports
- News releases

INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC

The general public with questions regarding COVID-19 should be referred to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV. This ensures consistent responses across the state.

For Winnebago specific questions, the public can be referred to the hotline 815-319-6705, Monday – Friday; 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. They can also email COVID19@wchd.org.
Please share this information within your organization as needed.

Thank you,