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Hurley, WI- Iron County Public Health is reporting **119** positive COVID Iron County residents, **97** are recovered, **4** ever hospitalized, **1332** negative test results and **1** death

Today Show article supports the information in our press release from yesterday. If you missed it here it is again.

NBC News investigative and consumer correspondent Vicky Nguyen tells TODAY that the CDC is saying that the risk of surface transmission of coronavirus is very low. She says the best advice now is to wash your hands after you've handled any packages or groceries and to wear a mask. She also talks about the latest guidance on kids and schools.

<https://www.today.com/video/risk-of-surface-transmission-of-coronavirus-is-low-cdc-now-says-90721349924>

Back to School 2020

You, your children and our schools are preparing for a very different start to the school year. Positive cases continue to rise, and the COVID-19 virus remains active in Iron County. Regardless of whether your child is returning to school in person or virtually, this school year is sure to be filled with many challenges.

Back to school does not mean back to normal. We must remain vigilant with wearing masks, social distancing, and hand-washing. Mass gatherings and events are not recommended. This includes birthday parties, weddings, funerals, and other celebrations.

We know you are busy and probably overwhelmed as you prepare for the first days of school. We know you have questions about learning, childcare, working from home, lessons, face coverings, emotional health and so much more. Contact your school administrators, teachers, or Iron County Health Department if you have unanswered concerns.

Be sure to plan for positive cases. Identify the school point person to contact if your child gets sick. Learn your local testing sites in the event you or your child develop symptoms or call your local health care provider or public health department. Develop a family plan to protect any household members who are at increased risk. Know your school's plan for communicating positive cases or exposures while ensuring student privacy. Have a plan for possible school closure or quarantine should cases increase, or your child be exposed to a positive case.

Check the Iron County web page and Facebook for updates and alerts

www.ironcountypublichealth.org

www.facebook.com/ironcountyhealthdepartment

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/cases-map.htm>