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**Hurley, WI** - Iron County Public Health is reporting **400** positive COVID Iron County residents, including **83** probable\*, **418** recovered, **24** ever hospitalized, **2186** negative test results and **17** deaths.

\*A person is counted as a probable case of COVID-19 if they are not positive by a confirmatory laboratory test method (for example, a PCR or molecular test), but tested positive using an antigen test method; have symptoms of COVID-19 AND known exposure to COVID-19 (for example, being a close contact of someone who was diagnosed with COVID-19); or list COVID-19 or SARS-CoV-2 on the death certificate.

As we transition this week from COVID-19 vaccine planning to implementation, we at Iron County will send you information as we receive it from DHS and our state partners. In this historic time, we ask for your patience, understanding, and partnership as we work through the details that have emerged about COVID-19 vaccination. This week the Pfizer vaccine has been delivered to select hospitals and nursing homes around the country. This is the vaccine that requires ultra-cold storage. It is delivered to hubs around the state and then designated facilities from there. We will be informed from DHS when we will receive vaccine which will then require limited time to be administered. The health department is prepared with training and staff to administer the vaccine. We encourage everyone to take the vaccine as it is well researched and safe. The vaccine is free to everyone, but some providers may bill your insurance for an administration fee.

We are weeks to months away from having enough COVID-19 vaccine supply and reaching high vaccination coverage community-wide. In the meantime, please continue wearing masks, physical distance, wash hands, get tested and isolate if you have signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

Even after the first people get vaccinated, it is important to continue using all these COVID-19 precautions so that we stand the best chance of getting our families, communities, schools, and workplaces “back to normal” sooner.

Thank you for your continued work as we move as fast as we can toward rolling out a vaccine in our community in the fight against COVID-19.

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