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Hurley, WI- Iron County Public Health is reporting a total of **73** positive COVID Iron County residents, **7** positive COVID non-residents, **58** recovered residents, **3** ever hospitalized, **984** negative test results and 1 death.

All test results from last week's testing in Hurley and Mercer sites have been reported. If you still have not received a phone call, please call the health department at 715-561-2191.

Total Tests:

Hurley Site 251 tests and 17 positive cases* reported

Mercer Site 228 tests and 6 positive cases* reported

*Not all positive cases were Iron County residents

Please be aware there are scammers trying to profit from the confusion and fear surrounding the coronavirus. "Don't give out any financial information, and never pay someone who claims to be a positive case interviewer or contact tracer," said Health Officer Katie Hampston.

Contact tracers with local health departments will never ask for payment, a social security number or immigration status, according to a warning from Hampston.

Iron County employs 7 contact tracers, and all of them will introduce themselves by name and provide their contact information.

"If anyone is ever concerned that somebody is not who they say they are, we'll give them a phone number that they can verify," she said. Be sure you know who called and a phone number to reply or contact if necessary.

Hampston also warned residents that all contact tracing is done through phone calls. Any links or downloads sent via email should be verified first by the sender.

The health department is not visiting residents in person. If someone comes to your home or business claiming to be from the health department, please verify with an identification badge and verify a name and phone number.

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

www.ironcountypublichealth.org