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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Hurley, WI** - Iron County Public Health is reporting **289** positive COVID Iron County residents, including **233** recovered, **51** probable\*, **17** ever hospitalized, **1905** negative test results and **7** deaths.

\*A person is counted as a probable case of COVID-19 if they are not positive by a confirmatory laboratory test method such as 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 have COVID-19 or SARS-CoV-2 listed on their death certificate.

## **FLU SHOTS HAVE ARRIVED**

The health department has received a delivery of flu shots and will be holding four flu vaccine clinics this month.

On Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a drive through clinic from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Springstead Fire Hall, followed by an indoor clinic at the Mercer Community Center from 1:00pm to 3:00 pm. Mercer flu clinic patients will enter in the community center door and exit through the library.

Walk-in clinics are scheduled at the Iron County Health Department on Copper Street in Hurley on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, and on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 12:00pm. If there are more than 4 people in the waiting room, you will be asked to wait in your car. Social distancing and masks are required for all indoor clinics.

## **COVID-19 AFFECTS HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF**

The impact of the increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations has become personal for Iron County Health Department staff. In the past week, three of our seven staff members have had parents who required hospitalization for non-COVID health issues, and all three family members had to be transferred out of Aspirus Ironwood after remaining in the emergency room for 10 to 15 hours because no local hospital beds were available.

Wisconsin hospital beds are full in many counties and hospital staff are stretched to their limit. We are on the brink of a crisis for COVID-19 patients, and those with other medical issues such as cardiac, surgical or trauma are being directly impacted by that crisis as well.

Please stay home whenever possible, wear your mask, social distance, and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**Visit the Iron County Health Department website for updates and alerts.**

**[www.ironcountypublichealth.org](http://www.ironcountypublichealth.org)**

**[www.facebook.com/ironcountyhealthdepartment](https://www.facebook.com/ironcountyhealthdepartment)**

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

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