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Buffalo County Reports Potential Exposures to COVID-19

Alma, WI-7/10/20–Buffalo County Public Health is alerting the public of potential COVID-19 exposure in Buffalo County. A person who tested positive for COVID-19 had visited establishments in Buffalo County while they were contagious. Anyone who was at these establishments on the days listed AND are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should contact their provider to be tested.

The Health Department will continue to alert the public via social media (Facebook) and a press release when there has been potential exposure of close contacts who are within 6ft for 15 minutes of a confirmed case and the potentially exposed individuals are not able to be identified/contacted.

Days and places of potential exposures include:
River Ratz Saloon in Buffalo City: 7/4/20 & 7/5/20
The Lost Pirate Tiki Bar & Grill in Buffalo City: 7/4/20
Great River Harbor (bar/restaurant only): 7/4/20 & 7/5/20

If you visited these establishments during these times and are experiencing symptoms, please call your health care provider to get tested for COVID-19 out of an abundance of caution.

*COVID-19 symptoms include cough, fever, sore throat, headache, body or muscle aches, chills, fatigue, vomiting, or new loss of taste or smell.

**There is a drive through testing site at the Eleva-Strum High School on Monday, July 13th from 9:30 am – 5:30 pm (no appointment needed)

Everyone can help prevent the spread of illness in our community with a few simple, but effective actions:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Practice good personal hygiene:
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place, eating, or drinking.
 - Cough and sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, then wash your hands.

- Use hand sanitizer if you do not have soap and water readily available.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- While in public, keep six feet between you and people who don't live in your home. Avoid gathering with people not in your household. Wear a cloth face covering when physical distance is hard to maintain.
- Call your health care provider if you have any questions about your health.

Please note that an establishment appearing on this list does not mean they did something wrong nor does appearing on this list mean that the establishment should be closed. Public health has contacted establishments and guidance was provided about cleaning and practices to reduce future risk to staff and customers.

You can stay up to date with the latest information from the Buffalo County DHHS Facebook Page <https://www.buffalocounty.com/483/COVID-19-Coronavirus>, or the Buffalo County website, <https://www.buffalocounty.com/483/COVID-19-Coronavirus>.