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Buffalo County Measures Related to COVID-19

On August 5, the La Crosse County Health Department stopped updating the Coulee COVID-19 Compass. Buffalo County Public Health has been reviewing metrics related to COVID-19 and developing a new tool for sharing information with the community. The Buffalo County Public Health Team will be reporting metrics on our COVID-19 webpage at 12:00 PM on Fridays. These metrics represent some of the public health data we are tracking related to what the occurrence of disease is in Buffalo County. It also identifies the capacity of our local public health department to contact positive cases, so those individuals know to stay home and reduce the spread by doing so.

These metrics will be reflective of the COVID-19 activity within the past two weeks. Data will be categorized with 3 different colors- Green: Good! Continue with safe practices, Yellow: Proceed with caution, Red: Metric is concerning. The intent of providing you this data is to keep you informed and allow you to make informed decisions. Our recommendations are, and will continue to be:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid any gatherings where physical distancing cannot be maintained (indoor and outdoor).
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are unavailable. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wear a cloth face covering if you are able to do so safely.
- Maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance between yourself and those outside your household unit.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For information on safe choices during COVID-19 please visit:

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

For information on COVID-19 Data please visit:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data-101.htm>

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