



Grant County Emergency Operations Center COVID-19 Response

Public Information Statement

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GRANT COUNTY, WI COVID-19 UPDATE #16

35 Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 Identified in Grant County

Grant County, WI- As of this morning, April 28, 2020, the Grant County Health Department has identified 35 confirmed cases of COVID-19. This total includes six confirmed cases who have recovered and, unfortunately, six who have died. The most recent deaths were persons over 70 years of age.

Over this past weekend, in partnership with Orchard Manor, the Grant County Health Department participated in an aggressive screening campaign at the Orchard Manor facility. This effort was made possible with the assistance of the Wisconsin National Guard. Twenty-five National Guard Members, along with Orchard Manor and Health Department staff, collected over 240 samples from both residents and staff as part of facility-wide screening. This testing identified 3 new resident cases. There have been 19 confirmed resident cases to date including several that were asymptomatic. The weekend screening did not identify any new staff testing positive. However, 2 staff tested positive for COVID-19 earlier last week bringing the total number of staff testing positive for COVID-19 to eight. Staff testing positive are excluded from work and isolated at home until recovered. “While we hate to see any positive cases, having less than 1.3% of the tests come back positive is encouraging given that the State average for positive COVID-19 testing was at 8.6% today”, says Jeff Kindrai, Grant County Health Officer/Director.

Kindrai also commented that “Bringing in the state team offered increased access to sample collection kits, laboratory capacity, personnel, and personal protective equipment (PPE), as well as the ability to test individuals with and without symptoms rapidly. The additional information will be used to assess the current situation and will assist with making decisions and determining future actions to continue to control COVID-19.”

The updated totals include the screening results as well as other tests done throughout the County, to date.

The public is encouraged to frequently visit the [DHS website for updates](#), and to follow @DHSWI on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), dhs.wi on [Instagram](#), and the Grant County Health Department at www.co.grant.wi.gov Additional information can be found on the [CDC website](#).

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