



# Grant County Emergency Operations Center COVID-19 Response

## Public Information Statement

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GRANT COUNTY, WI COVID-19 UPDATE #17

### 54 Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 Identified in Grant County

*Grant County, WI-* As of this morning, May 4, 2020, the Grant County Health Department has identified 54 confirmed cases of COVID-19. This total includes 10 confirmed cases who have recovered and seven who have died.

Throughout the response, the Grant County Emergency Operations Center has been working closely with nursing homes, assisted living centers, and hospitals to help ensure access to personal protective equipment as well as to help with staffing challenges and other issues. This includes holding weekly virtual meetings with these partners. As a result of the meetings, health care providers in the County are much better prepared to care for those who become ill with COVID-19, regardless of the setting. However, whenever possible, individuals are staying at home to recover. Those in long term care facilities are isolated and receive supportive care as needed, and all area hospitals are caring for COVID-19 patients when necessary.

The area hospitals, Southwest Technical College, and the Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry (WEAVR) have also helped with finding health care workers to assist in areas where there are staffing shortages. However, there is still a need for nurses and certified nursing assistants (CNAs). Jeff Kindrai, Director/Health Officer for Grant County Health Department says, “We truly appreciate the assistance we have gotten from the hospitals, the technical college, health care students, and others in trying to address staffing challenges, but more help is needed.” Individuals who would like to help support our response can register with WEAVR at: <https://weavrwi.org/>. Nurses, physicians, and patients are very appreciative for the help. All potential assignments are optional.

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](http://www.co.grant.wi.gov) Additional information can be found on the [CDC website](#).

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