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Cudahy Health Department



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Dear Cudahy Community:

As COVID-19 has reached an all-time high in our community, we need your help to reduce the spread and to protect our families, our neighbors, our businesses and our community. Every county across the State is seeing an increase in disease burden and positivity rate, Cudahy is no exception to this trend.

At this time, we are calling on all businesses and residents in Cudahy to do all they can to help prevent disease spread as Cudahy has just passed into **critical burden level** for the first time since July. As of Friday, there were over 95 cases in the past 14 days. We encourage business and patrons to practice risk reduction strategies of social distancing, masking and hand washing to keep staff and patrons safe from disease spread. If businesses don't have a safety plan, they are encouraged to visit the [Cudahy Health Department](#) website resources for COVID-19 recovery efforts and safety planning to help navigate these uncertain times.

While schools have remained successfully open for the last 6 weeks, the rising number of cases of COVID-19 are affecting our families and creating an economic burden for many. Fortunately, the district continues to have strong mitigation protocols in place to reduce transmission in our schools and activities. Despite that, rising numbers have the potential to affect our workforce and could make it difficult for us to continue operating as we have successfully done to date. We need your help. By working together as an entire community, we can continue to keep our schools open and look forward to increasing attendance at sporting events and other school-sponsored activities. We want our students to be able to experience all of the great school traditions, and it's going to take all of us to make it possible.

Our residents and school families play an important role in mitigating the spread of COVID-19. Gatherings, even for a single event or in a private home, have led to the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Events like family cookouts, sleepovers, birthday parties, and friendly gatherings have driven infection rates up in Cudahy and surrounding communities. It is strongly recommended that individuals continue to follow the following *physical distancing and protective measures*:

- Maintain physical distancing of six (6) feet between people not residing in a single living unit or household.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects or surfaces such as remote controls and doorknobs. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if you are sick. Call your doctor if you develop fever, cough, or difficulty breathing



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Up to date information on COVID-19 statistics can be found on the dashboards for the following entities:

[City of Cudahy](#) | [School District of Cudahy](#) | [Milwaukee County](#) | [Wisconsin](#)

For all those who live, work and play in Cudahy, we must continue to take personal responsibility to protect ourselves and our loved ones. Even though not all of us risk a severe case of the virus, we all risk getting the virus and spreading it to others – maybe without realizing we’re sick. Taking extra precautions now will allow our schools to stay open, our businesses to remain operational, and helps us all to protect our most vulnerable neighbors and relatives from the effects of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

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