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River Stage Rising: Sandbags Available

With the Mississippi River stage rising, the risk of flooding is rising as well. The National Weather service is predicting the river stage at McGregor, Iowa to increase to 18.6 foot by Wednesday, April 8th as reported on Wednesday, April 1st.

The increase in flood stage will indicate the possibility of localized flooding, including water over the road at the following locations:

- North Main Street near the intersection of Cedar Street
- Washington Street and North Main Street intersection will be closed
- Also if the water stage reaches this level there will be water that comes over the rock wall at Lawler Park along the river on North Water Street.

With the increased risk of flooding the Crawford County Emergency Management in conjunction with the Prairie du Chien Street Department, Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution, and City of Prairie du Chien (donating the sand) are being proactive and making sandbags available to the public.

Sandbags will be located at the Prairie du Chien Street Department located at 625 East Washington Street in the city of Prairie du Chien. The sandbags will be available starting the evening of Friday, April 3rd. These sandbags are at no cost to the public. If you need assistance getting sandbags contact the Crawford County Emergency Management at 608-326-0266.

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Childcare for Essential Employees

Wisconsin's Department of Children and Families reports that providing child care to the essential workforce is critical to flattening the curve of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. To meet this need, Governor Evers created the Child Care for Essential Workers Taskforce. Led by the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the taskforce is working with the Early Childhood Association (WECA) and Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA) to connect essential workforce families in need of child care with locally available child care resources.

· *To Request form:* https://link.zixcentral.com/u/a3df30b5/CGQ11_Fy6hGN0P-rhns0Mg?u=https%3A%2F%2Fchildcarefinder.wisconsin.gov%2FEmergencyRequest.aspx

DCF is excited to launch two new tools to help connect essential workforce families to local, safe child care. Healthcare workers and essential employees are now able to submit a request through the department's updated Child Care Finder or proactively view up-to-date availability across the state using the department's new child care map.

· *Child care map:* https://link.zixcentral.com/u/c3cdd8dd/vnYI1_Fy6hG-Mf-rhns0Mg?u=https%3A%2F%2Fdcf.wisconsin.gov%2F covid-19%2Fchildcare%2Fmap

Please see the attached resources for more information regarding the Child Care for Essential Workers Taskforce and relevant information for parents. More information for providers, essential workers and families can be found on the DCF COVID-10 Child Care Page.

· *DCF COVID-10 Child Care Page:* https://link.zixcentral.com/u/4161ef69/OIk11_Fy6hGimf-rhns0Mg?u=https%3A%2F%2Fdcf.wisconsin.gov%2F covid-19%2Fchildcare

For any questions regarding this effort, please contact dcfmbcovid19@wisconsin.gov

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COVID-19 Update *Confirmed Case in Crawford County*

Crawford County – Crawford County Public Health announced today that there is one (1) confirmed case of COVID-19 in Crawford County. This case is in an individual between the ages of 41 – 60 who has had no travel or contact with a positive case, so is considered infected through community spread. This person has been isolated at home since being tested for COVID-19.

Crawford County Public Health is aggressively monitoring this outbreak and investigating potential cases and contacts in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). These actions include:

- Identifying and contacting anyone who has been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19. These people are asked to quarantine themselves for 14 days from their exposure and will be monitored for fever and respiratory symptoms
- Determining when a person can be released from isolation
- Providing guidance to clinicians regarding testing
- Preparing Crawford County for community spread of COVID-19

We are working with our local, state, and federal partners to deal quickly and effectively when people are diagnosed with COVID-19, have symptoms of COVID-19, or have been around people who have been infected with the coronavirus.

Although this is the first diagnosed case of COVID-19 in Crawford County, it is very likely that there are other people in our community with the illness who have not been diagnosed, and may not be tested. “The vast majority of people who have COVID-19 will get better on their own at home,” said Cindy Riniker, Health Officer. “Most people will NOT receive a test, so it is vital that each of us practice common sense measures to avoid getting sick or spreading the virus.” These measures include:

- Frequent and thorough handwashing with soap and water
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your face
- Stay home when sick
- Practice social distancing (at least 6 feet away from other people)
- Avoid large public gatherings and crowds
- Clean and disinfect all frequently-touch surfaces
- Defer all non-essential travel

If you have been in contact with someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, you should do the following:

1. Monitor yourself for symptoms for 14 days (fever greater than 100.4 degrees and/or cough)
2. Maintain social distancing (6 feet from other people)

If you have or develop symptoms (fever over 100.4 degrees and/or cough):

1. Monitor your symptoms
2. Isolate yourself at home
3. Maintain social distancing within your home of at least 6 feet between people
4. If your symptoms worsen (difficulty breathing or other severe symptoms) call your healthcare provider
5. You must stay home and socially distance yourself (6 feet) from other people until you have no fever for 72 hours (without the aid of medication), **AND**
6. Other symptoms have improved **AND**
7. Seven (7) days have passed since your symptoms first appeared

All people who may have had contact with the person who has confirmed COVID-19 will be contacted directly by Crawford County Public Health.

“Crawford County Public Health is ready to deal with an increased number of cases in our community. We will continue to work with DHS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and our local partners to make sure our community remains safe and healthy,” said Cindy Riniker, Health Officer.

As always, it is important to remember that viruses don’t discriminate and neither should we.

This is a rapidly evolving situation. For the latest information, visit the [CDC's website](#) or the [DHS website](#). For the latest information about COVID-19 in Crawford County, monitor the Crawford County Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/CrawfordCountyPHD> and/or Crawford County Health Department Website at <https://www.crawfordcountywi.org/health.html>