

COVID-19 Situation Summary for Red Cliff, WI

April 2, 2020

Local Update

There is community spread of COVID-19 in Bayfield County, where there are 3 confirmed cases as of April 2, 2020. Surrounding counties with confirmed cases are reported below:

- Ashland County (Ashland, WI) has 1 confirmed case.
- Douglas County (Superior, WI) has 6 confirmed cases.
- St. Louis County (Duluth, MN) has 13 confirmed cases.

Anyone with fevers and/or respiratory symptoms should call the clinic for phone triage. We ask that you do not present to the clinic in person without calling ahead of time. If it is after clinic hours, call MMC ER first. Many cases of COVID-19 can be treated at home with symptomatic management.

Global Update

COVID-19 infections globally surpassed 823,626 as of yesterday with over 40,598 total deaths. For a good reference point, influenza illnesses from October 2019 through March 2020 ranged between 38-54 million and caused between 24,000-62,000 deaths. Our understanding of the COVID-19 illness continues to evolve. All observations so far suggest that:

- SARS-CoV-2, the virus at the center of this current COVID-19 pandemic, is slightly more infectious than the typical influenza viruses that circulate seasonally.
- It is more deadly than influenza. It generally causes respiratory failure that eventually leads to death.
- Similar to other coronaviruses and seasonal influenza viruses, SARS-CoV-2 is likely spread primarily via respiratory droplets that settle on surfaces. Therefore:

Voluntarily self-quarantine at home is the best way to keep yourself and your loved ones safe.

Avoid receiving guests to the extent possible. If you go out, practice good social distancing. The recommendation on whether to wear a mask in public continues to evolve. The Health Center is keeping abreast of this issue and has decided to err on the side of an abundance of caution via rolling out cloth face masks to the community in controlled batches. If you have any questions, please contact Community Health.

Wash their hands frequently. If you touch surfaces contaminated with respiratory droplets of SARS-CoV-2, then touch your own mouth or nose, you can infect yourself. Washing your hands throughout the day is another way to protect yourself.

COVID-19 Cases in Wisconsin

The total confirmed cases in Wisconsin is 1,730 of which 31 deaths.

If you have questions related to COVID-19, and the clinic is closed, you can:

- Text COVID19 to 211-211,
- Visit 211Wisconsin.org, or
- Call 211.

Call volumes are high. Therefore, try to use the text or online options first.

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Total Cases in Neighboring States	
Minnesota	742; 18 deaths
Illinois	7,695; 157 deaths
Iowa	614
Indiana	3,039; 78 deaths
Michigan	10,791; 417 deaths

Total Cases in the United States:	213,144
Deaths:	4,513