



Mineral Point, Wisconsin

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MINERAL POINT – COVID-19

As concerns over COVID-19 (also referred to as the corona virus) continue to dominate headlines, Mayor Basting and I want to take this time to give you an update on the actions of the City of Mineral Point. We have been carefully preparing response scenarios - with the health of our employees and citizens being top of mind. We are working very hard to make sure the City has the necessary supplies to help protect everyone's health. While the coronavirus has not affected our business operations to date, we are actively monitoring the latest updates from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and public health departments, taking precautionary actions and preparing our business continuity plans. As information is known and if there are any changes in operations, we will continue to communicate with you.

As a precaution, the **Mineral Point Public Library will be closing** until school resumes or information is provided ensuring our most vulnerable population is at the forefront.

It is important during this time for each of us to take the necessary precautions to keep ourselves, our families, our co-workers and our community safe.

LATEST UPDATE

- There have been 6 people tested for COVID-19 in Iowa county. 4 tests have come back negative and the other 2 are pending results.
 - Schools are continuing to provide meals to those who need them. They are providing delivery when necessary and curbside pickup otherwise.
 - The SUN program will be doing a drive through meal service at meal sites if possible or delivering meals to people who need them.
 - **The testing procedure has been established for Iowa County.**
 - if you have insurance that is accepted at Upland Hills Health:
 - you would call your clinic if you suspect you have the virus.
 - You will be screened through a series of questions.
 - If it is determined you need to be tested an appointment will be made for you to go to a designated area at Upland Hills Health and park.
 - They will come to your car, take the test swab and advise you to self-quarantine at home. Upland Hills Health will send the test in to obtain the results.
 - If the test comes back negative, you move on with life.
 - If the test comes back positive, the proper medical care will be determined at that time.
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- There is also a procedure for the Health Department if someone call them and is a candidate for testing.
- If you are a Social Media person, follow the Iowa County Health Department Facebook page and the Upland Hills Health Facebook page.
- If you have COVID-19 related questions, you can send them to healthinfo@iowacounty.org.

A few extra steps can significantly help:

- Be calm, and please be careful to not over-react to potentially misleading information on social media and other sources of fake news.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands frequently with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds. Or, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers, rubbing hands together until they are dry.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough into a tissue and then throw it away. Use your arm or sleeve to cover if you do not have a tissue.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid people who are sick with respiratory symptoms.
- Clean shared surfaces and equipment often.
- Avoid unnecessary travel.
- Practice social distancing and avoid places where large groups of people meet, public transportation and maintain a healthy distance of approximately 6 feet from others.
- Should you believe you have any symptoms of the COVID-19, call your medical provider immediately.

Learn more, find information and resources, and get the latest updates about COVID-19:

- Center for Disease Control (CDC): [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)
- Iowa County Health Department: <https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/HealthDepartment>
- Wisconsin Department of Health Services: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>

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