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**Hurley, WI-** Iron County Public Health is reporting a total of 57 positive COVID-19 cases.

Results are coming in today from the Thursday National Guard Testing in Hurley. Please answer your phone as you may receive a call from a 608 area code. They will attempt to call 3 times. Interviews and contact tracing is completed by Iron County Health Department staff on all positive cases.

If a person who tested positive for COVID-19 was out in public during their potential time of communicability, this could have resulted in exposure for others. **This is not intended to lay blame on any local businesses, nor does this mean the business should be closed.** It is meant to allow the public to better know their potential risk of being previously exposed to someone who has tested positive. In situations in which someone who has tested positive and has been out in public, it may be up to the community to identify if they should be tested based on if they have been to the same places as the person who tested positive on the same dates.

Public Health can confirm that there were positive patrons at the following establishments:

- Around the Corner Pub, Mercer, WI July 21, 2020 from 12:00pm-2:00pm
- Rugger's Landing, Mercer, WI July 15, 2020 from 6:00pm-11:00pm

If you have been at these establishments, monitor your symptoms. If you develop symptoms isolate yourself and call your health care provider.

The health department recommends the public stay at home as much as possible and avoid travel outside of your community. We are currently quarantining 4 individuals from out of state who tested positive. These individuals are not included in our total positive case count reported today.

This is a rapidly evolving situation. We are in this together. We can choose to protect ourselves and each other, and thereby protect our community and economy, by changing our behavior in accordance with the actions listed above.

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