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Hurley, WI- Iron County Public Health is reporting a total of **67** positive COVID Iron County residents, **7** positive COVID non-residents and 1 death.

On Thursday the Wisconsin National Guard completed 258 tests in Hurley and on Friday 235 tests in Mercer. Tests were driven to a lab in Madison immediately after completion and many test results are in and residents have been called. Positive cases are called by Iron County Health Department staff and negative cases are called by the National Guard.

376 of the tests were Iron County residents. Remaining tests were from Gogebic County, 13 counties in Wisconsin, and 6 states.

What should you do while you wait for your test results

Protect yourself and others.

☑ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol if you don't have soap and water. ☑ Do not spend time with people who are sick. ☑ Stay at least 6 feet from others, even if you are feeling well. ☑ Do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth if you haven't washed your hand. ☑ Clean all "high-touch" surfaces every day. These surfaces include counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables. ☑ Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. ☑ Wear a cloth face covering when you are around others.

What if your COVID-19 test comes back POSITIVE?

☑ Do not have contact with others. Everyone who lives in your household should stay home. ☑ Do not go to work. Let your employer know you tested positive for COVID-19. ☑ Do not go to a hospital unless you have a medical emergency. Most people who have COVID-19 have minor symptoms like fever and cough, are able to get better on their own at home. ☑ Watch for symptoms. See a doctor right away if you have any emergency warning signs. ☑ Get rest and drink plenty of fluids. ☑ Over-the-counter medications that lesson symptoms of fever and cough may help. There is no vaccine or medication to treat or prevent COVID-19. ☑ Even if you don't have symptoms, you might make others sick.

What if your COVID-19 test comes back NEGATIVE?

☑ You most likely do not have COVID-19 at this time. ☑ You could have been exposed to COVID-19 at some point and not enough time has passed for the test to pick it up. You may test positive at a later date. ☑ You need to continue to practice protective measures to help keep yourself and others from getting sick. ☑ Follow instructions from your doctor and your state and local health departments.

IMPORTANT: Regardless of whether your test is positive or negative, as long as COVID-19 is spreading in our community, you need to continue to protect yourself and others. Wash your hands, social distance, stay home, and wear a mask.

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