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Hurley, WI - Iron County Public Health is reporting **155** positive COVID Iron County residents, including **150** recovered, **10** probable*, **8** ever hospitalized, **1609** negative test results and **1** death.

*A person is counted as a probable case of COVID-19 if they are not positive by a confirmatory laboratory test method (for example, a PCR or molecular test), but tested positive using an antigen test method; have symptoms of COVID-19 AND known exposure to COVID-19 (for example, being a close contact of someone who was diagnosed with COVID-19); or list COVID-19 or SARS-CoV-2 on the death certificate.

All vaccination clinics have been canceled. As vaccine becomes available, we will plan to reschedule them.

While we are waiting for vaccine, we encourage residents to seek other options including your health care provider, other open flu clinics, White Cross Pharmacy, Walgreen's and Walmart.

"Currently the disease activity level of COVID-19 in Iron County is on the rise and going to a gathering puts you at very high risk of exposure," said Health Officer, Katie Hampston "We know gatherings are a key way this virus spreads, so we must ask people to limit indoor gatherings to stop the spread, reduce illness, and save lives."

Iron County residents should take the following steps to stay safe and help stop the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home whenever possible;
- Wear a mask;
- Wash your hands frequently;
- If you have symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19, monitor for symptoms and get tested;
- Get the flu shot to help reduce the strain on healthcare systems responding to the COVID-19 pandemic

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<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/cases-map.htm>