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# Family Ties

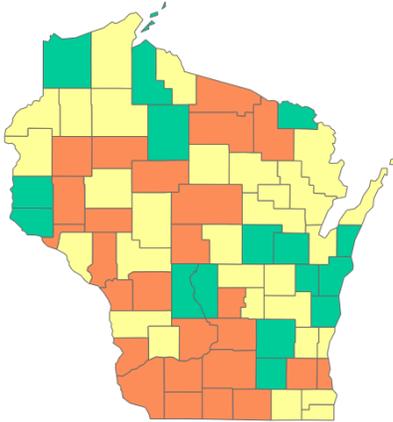
## Family Update

### COVID Community Levels Data

This week's map shows 26 counties with high activity,

CDC COVID-19 Community Levels  
Updated: 7/29/2022

High  
Medium  
Low



up 12 from two weeks ago and up 22 in just a month. 16 counties show medium activity compared to 30 two weeks ago, a decrease of 16 counties from the previous report. Two weeks ago 44 counties were experiencing low activity while this week 30 counties are considered low. The trend continues to be alarming and this trend is cause for concern.

We must continue to be vigilant and guard against this virus. We continue to urge everyone to please get vaccinated and boosted as soon as you are eligible to do so. Please consider masking up in public places as well and use good handwashing practices and social distancing as your best weapons against the virus. We are not out of the woods yet!

We continue our stretch of having no new positive test results amongst the staff or the residents for another two weeks. As a result, there are no restrictions on activities or visitations across the campus.

Staff who are unvaccinated will have to continue to be tested prior to the start of each shift they work. Those who are not fully vaccinated, defined as those who have not received their first booster shot, will have to continue to be tested twice per week, on Monday and Thursday. All areas are open for visitors but, hospital masks will still be required for all visitors. A supply of masks is provided at each of the entrances where you must sign in and take your temperature when entering the building.

**No New Positive Tests With Staff Or Residents**

## **6th annual Tommy P. Harvey Golf Outing Kicks off on Thursday**

**Under clear blue skies this year's version of the golf outing fundraiser saw 68 golfers tee off last Thursday at 1:00 pm at the Viroqua Hills Golf Course. The proceeds from this event will help establish a dementia care wing here at Schmitt Woodland Hills.**



**This is one of our major fundraiser events for the year and there was a great turnout and seemingly everyone had a great time. Unfortunately, there were no hole-in-ones, therefore no one went home with a new car or the \$5,000.00 cash prize for a hole-in-one. But lots of raffle prizes were given away, including a Bowflex Elliptical Trainer and many other nice prizes. Although the numbers have not been completely finalized it looks like we will net close to \$11,500.00 for projects that benefit our residents. Thanks again to all the participants and sponsors who made this day a success. God**

### **Matching Grant Application Successful**

**Back in March of this year the Wisconsin Department of Health Services announced a new funding opportunity for Nursing Homes and Long-Term Care Facilities. As part of an award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) launched a program to award approximately \$4.5 million in matching funds to support nursing homes and other types of long-term care facilities with infection prevention and infrastructure needs. Nursing homes like Schmitt Woodland Hills were invited to apply for matching funds up to 50% of the total cost for equipment or programs to improve infection control for the health and safety of their staff and residents.**

**Schmitt Woodland Hills is pleased to announce that their application in the amount of \$13,282.00 was accepted and will be funded as part of this DHS Matching Grant Program. With this grant we will be purchasing a bladder scanner, a shower bed and an Electrocardiogram (ECG) machine.**

**We are in the process of completing the necessary paperwork to be able to receive the \$6,641.00 in matching funds to allow us to complete the purchase of this new equipment. We hope that we will be able to use this new equipment in the very near future.**

**“It is not necessary to react to everything you notice.” ~unknown**

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