

Schmitt Woodland Hills Brings You....

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Family Ties

COVID-19 Update

We now have an additional resident on the 2nd floor of the Health Center who has tested positive. That coupled with the positive tests among staff members means the Health Center 2nd floor will remain in “Outbreak Mode”, with today, Monday January 17th, being considered the first day of the 14 day period we must go through without another positive test to be able to come out of “Outbreak Mode”.

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Resident Tests
Positive

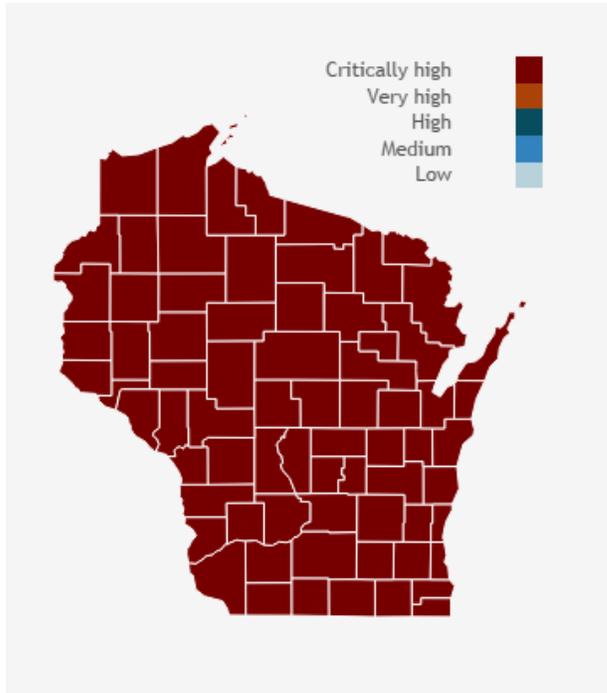
On a brighter note, Westview Assisted Living will come out of “Outbreak Mode” after tomorrow, Tuesday the 18th, assuming no new positive tests come out of today’s round of staff testing.

With that being said, we are strongly urging families and loved ones to refrain from visiting family members in Westview and the Health Center 2nd floor at this time. Visitation in other areas of the campus will continue under the policy that has been previously outlined. Sign in at the appropriate entrance, record your temperature and answer the screening questions. Regulations call for surgical masks to be worn properly at all times and we ask that you please visit your loved one or ones in their room and that you visit one resident or same-roomed couple per day.

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services has extended the Public Health Emergency into April of 2022. This means that certain health care flexibilities and waivers that are favorable to long-term care facilities will be maintained well into April of 2022. This is certainly good news for Schmitt Woodland Hills and other similar care facilities.

“Maturity is learning to walk away from people and situations that threaten your peace of mind, self-respect, values, morals and self-worth.” ~unknown

Statewide, the number of new cases is still pretty scary. According to the COVID-19 update site we have been following, Richland County has now had 2,943 cases of COVID-19, up 266 from last week and of these cases, 343 remain active. Both of these numbers represent a significant increase over last week. At this time, the county death toll stays at 33. Please consider getting vaccinated and or “boosted” to help slow the spread of this new Omicron variant.



To demonstrate how quickly this variant is spreading we only need to take a look at Wisconsin's 72 counties. Last week there were 47 counties rated as “Critically High” and 25 counties were rated as “Very High” no counties classified as “Medium”. This week all 72 counties in Wisconsin were rated as “Critically High”, including Richland County. This is an increase of 25 counties in just one week.

Statistics show that only a little less than 58% of the eligible people in Richland County have at least one vaccination and just over 55% of County residents are fully vaccinated. If we are ever to get ahead of this virus we've got to do better than this. Please, for your safety and the safety of your fellow citizens, get fully vaccinated!

COVID-19 Fact

Fact: There were 2,060 Wisconsinites in the hospital with COVID as of Thursday afternoon, according to the Wisconsin Hospital Association. In July of 2021, that number was about 100. There were 475 Wisconsinites in ICU beds. In July, there were 20.

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