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COVID-19 Community Exposure at Large Gathering Event

WASHBURN, WISCONSIN – Bayfield County Health Department and Red Cliff Tribe are actively investigating and following up on an outbreak following a large gathering held in Bayfield County on Saturday, August 29th, 2020. Red Cliff Health Center has identified at least 4 individuals that have tested positive with COVID-19. The event associated with these new positive cases was a wedding held at the Harbor View Event Center in Washburn, WI. The Health Department is encouraging anyone who attended the wedding or following related activities who develop symptoms to get tested for COVID-19. All persons who attended the wedding or any parties or celebrations after the wedding must self-isolate for the remaining quarantine period.

Sara Wartman, Health Officer for Bayfield County stated, “Anyone who attended this event should isolate for the remaining quarantine period until September 11th. Furthermore, they should not participate in any gatherings or get together over the upcoming holiday weekend and they should self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. Additionally, we ask that any students that attended the event work with their school to do virtual learning for the next week as an extra precaution now that schools are back in session.” She went on to state, “Keeping schools open and preventing transmission of COVID-19 in our communities is a high priority. We ask all residents to support our schools by having their students virtually attend school if they were at this event, if they were in contact with persons known to have COVID-19, or if students are feeling ill with COVID-19 like symptoms.”

For local updates about COVID-19 and other public health news, follow the Bayfield County Health Department at <https://www.bayfieldcounty.org/COVID>
For updates on COVID-19 in WI, visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>.

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