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To Hales Corners Community:

Summer is in full swing in suburban Milwaukee County! Hales Corners has had a significant increase in COVID-19 cases this week as people are out and about at parties and other celebrations. This rise in cases is consistent across Milwaukee County. We ask that everyone in the community stop to consider the risks of the activities and events you’re planning to attend this weekend and in the days ahead. The more people you have contact with, the greater the chance of developing COVID-19. There are a good number of people who don’t show symptoms while still having COVID-19 and can spread the illness unknowingly.

The Health Department continues to work tirelessly to contact people who test positive for COVID-19 and those they’ve been in contact with who are at risk of developing the disease. Recommendations are given for isolation and quarantine for those individuals to limit the spread of COVID-19. We’re working to protect everyone in our community, especially those over 60 and those who have serious chronic health conditions. For them, COVID-19 can be very serious—even fatal.

The recommendation remains the same as last week, continue with caution in Phase C of the Suburban Milwaukee County Safe Opening Capacity Recommendations. We may stay in this phase for several months as we work to reduce the spread of Coronavirus. Please continue to follow these safety measures:

- Avoid Mass Gatherings-stay home, enjoy a small family get-together
- Stay Home If You’re Sick—Coronavirus spreads easily, don’t share the illness with others! If you have symptoms or are exposed to someone with COVID-19, get tested!
- Continue Physical Distancing When You’re out in Public—be cautious, many people who have COVID-19 don’t have symptoms
- Wear a Mask When You’re Out in Public—make it fun, find lots of fun styles of masks online
- Wash Your Hands for 20 seconds—before eating, after coughing and sneezing and after using the bathroom. If you can’t wash your hands, use a quick squirt of hand sanitizer
- Don’t Shake Hands—come up with a clever alternative
- Disinfect High Touch Surfaces—it’s quick, easy and very effective
- Follow the Hales Corners Health Department on Facebook for up-to-date information

Stay safe and healthy!

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