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To the Hales Corners Community,

The Hales Corners Health Department continues to work closely with the WI Department of Health Services and federal and local officials and partners to help provide the Hales Corners Community with up-to-date information on the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are working diligently to try to protect our residents, especially our older population and others who are most vulnerable due to chronic health conditions. Milwaukee, Fond du Lac and Dane counties now have community spread-- people catching COVID-19 from other people within the community, not from people who traveled internationally or in areas of the U.S. where COVID-19 is active.

Today the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Wisconsin has reached 106. **In Milwaukee County alone, 47 residents have tested positive for COVID-19.** As the number of cases continue to rise, local and state officials have had to make difficult decisions to try to limit the spread of COVID-19. You may be hearing the phrase “flattening the curve” in regard to slowing the spread of COVID-19. This graphic from Wisconsin Department of Health Services illustrates how social distancing helps limit the spread of this illness: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02620b.pdf>

The Hales Corners Health Department is urging all community members to do their part to limit the spread of COVID-19 and help others in the community. We need everyone to think about how this virus may affect those around you--parents, grandparents and others who have illnesses like heart disease, diabetes, lung disease or those people whose immune systems are compromised. Take measures like handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes and social distancing seriously. Please reach out to older adults--friends and neighbors who may live alone or need assistance in getting groceries, medications or just need someone to check in on them. We're all in this together. And together we'll get through it.

Find additional strategies to help prevent spread of COVID-19 at home, at work and in the community at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>. There is a wealth of guidance on this website.

Let's all work together to limit the spread of COVID-19. Please feel free to reach out to us with questions and stay well!

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