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**ASHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS COVID-19 INVESTIGATION AT
CAMP EAGLE RIDGE**

Ashland, WI- Ashland County Public Health is reporting today that, to date, 14 people, associated with Camp Eagle Ridge, primarily staff, have tested positive for COVID-19.

“Ashland County Public Health is working with Camp Eagle Ridge leadership and staff to conduct an investigation to contain the virus,” said Elizabeth Szot, Health Officer. “Camp Eagle Ridge leadership has been working closely with the families of all campers, and all campers from the entire camp season have been notified of potential risk exposure as an additional precaution.”

Camp Eagle Ridge has taken numerous precautions in compliance with American Camp Association Accreditation. All individuals have been compliant with isolation and quarantine recommendations. Camp staff and campers have little interaction with local communities. As soon as the outbreak was identified, all campers were returned home with instructions for the remainder of the isolation period and ongoing symptom monitoring. Campers and their families were provided with direction to follow up with their local health department and primary care providers as needed.

Ashland County Public Health would like to assure the public that this is an isolated outbreak and poses little risk to the surrounding communities at this time. As a reminder to the public, please take the following steps to prevent further spread of the virus:

- Wear a cloth face covering as directed per Emergency Order #1 beginning August 1, 2020.
- Avoid close contact with others. Practice social distancing whenever possible by maintaining 6 feet between yourself and others from outside your household.
- Avoid unnecessary travel.
- Practice good hand hygiene.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Regularly clean high-touched surfaces.

Ashland County Public Health continues to work with Camp Eagle Ridge, and our local, state, and federal partners to respond quickly and effectively when people have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been around people who have been infected with COVID-19.

This continues to be an evolving situation and we encourage the public to monitor the DHS website for COVID-19 updates. Additional information can be found on the CDC website or call 211 for general COVID-19 related questions.

- <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm>
- <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- <https://co.ashland.wi.us/>
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