# **COVID-19 Report from RHCP**

### Situation Report (as of May 18<sup>th</sup> 2020)

Olmsted County: 448 cases Minnesota: 15,668 cases United States: 1,467,065 cases (Reference: MN Department of Health, CDC)

#### Stop the Spread

Use cloth face covering in public places. Cover your cough or sneeze. Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer often. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. Keep your social distance – stay 6 feet apart. Get tested for COVID-19, stay home and self-isolate, if you are unwell.

#### Your Questions Answered

- 1. The Stay Home MN executive order comes to an end on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2020. What does this mean?
  - The Stay Home MN order went into effect on March 27<sup>th</sup> 2020. This allowed the state to prepare and be ready to care for those who become sick with COVID-19, such as increasing hospital and testing capacity, and obtaining more equipment.
  - The Stay Home MN order ends on May 18<sup>th</sup> and the Stay Safe MN order takes effect.

#### 2. On May 18<sup>th</sup> 2020, the Stay Safe MN begins. What does this mean?

Beginning May 18<sup>th</sup> 2020:

- Non-critical businesses, like retail stores, malls and main street businesses can reopen if they have a *social distancing* plan and operate at 50 percent capacity.
- Bars, restaurants, barbershops, and salons are <u>not</u> open yet. These places may reopen beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.
- Olmsted County Government Center is opening on May 20<sup>th</sup> 2020.
- People can now gather with friends and family in *groups of 10 or less* and with safe *social distancing* practices by keeping about 6 feet or 2 meters between people.
- *Masks and face coverings* should be worn when people leave their homes and travel to any public setting where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
- People who are at risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (those 65 years and older, those living in a nursing home or a long-term care facility, and those with underlying medical conditions) are strongly urged to stay at home except for necessary activities such as work, medical appointments, picking up prescriptions, grocery shopping and outdoor exercise).
- People who can work from home must continue to do so.

- Everyone has to continue to do our part to slow the spread of the virus by doing the following:
  - o Wash hands often
  - o Maintain social distance
  - o Wear a mask
  - o Get tested when sick
  - o Stay home when able

## **COVID-19 Community Hotline** (507) 328-2822 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., 7 days a week

You, the people in the community, are at the frontline to stopping COVID-19. By hand hygiene, cleaning and sanitizing. By social distancing. By staying home. By staying safe. We are all in this together. We will heal as one.

> Stay Safe MN media link: https://mn.gov/covid19/media/share-message/translations/index.jsp

