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## **Press Announcement**

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**For Immediate Release:** Community COVID Exposure – Basketball game in a Wausau Park

Marathon County Health Department is investigating a COVID exposure involving many local youth. A young person was playing basketball with several other youth at Tenth Street Park, 935 Jackson Street in Wausau on Friday September 18. It was reported that the youth were present for a period of about 6 hours and many participated in the basketball games. One of the youth participating positive for COVID. Prevention measures to reduce the spread of COVID were apparently not used. The result is a COVID exposure to many youth who were present and participating in the basketball games.

“This type of gathering; including many people, over a long period of time, not using prevention measures; is contributing to the dramatic increases in cases being seen in our area” stated Judy Burrows, Public Information Officer, Marathon County Health Department. “This is the kind of activity that contributes to community spread.”

If you participated in this event, please monitor for symptoms, and get tested if symptoms are present.

Today, Saturday September 25, 2020, Marathon County has surpassed its daily record number of cases and is reporting 78 cases today.

*For the latest information, visit the CDC's coronavirus website, the [Wisconsin Department of Health Services website](#), or the [Marathon County Health Department](#) webpage or follow us on [Facebook](#).*

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