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## Lincoln County COVID-19 Exposure at Dave's County Market

Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD) reports a COVID-19 exposure in Lincoln County at Dave's County Market in Merrill. Two individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 were at the store during a time they were contagious and possibly spreading the virus.

LCHD has been working with Dave's County Market to notify staff and the public and assure proper disinfection and best practices are being followed moving forward. Customers visiting Dave's County Market on the following dates who did not practice physical distancing may have been exposed to COVID-19.

- Friday, August 21, 6 am - noon
- Saturday, August 22, 6 am - noon
- Tuesday, August 25, 8 am – 4 pm
- Wednesday, August 26, 8 am – 4 pm

If you feel you may have been exposed, monitor yourself for symptoms and stay home as much as possible for 14 days after the last date you were exposed. If you must leave your home, wear a face covering, maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from others, and practice good hand hygiene. Individuals in need of additional guidance can complete the [WI COVID-19 Screening Tool](#) at no cost. A trained medical professional will follow up with you to review your results and answer your questions.

Anyone who develops symptoms should contact their healthcare provider about being tested. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, fatigue, body/muscle aches, diarrhea, vomiting and nausea.

“Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic we have had the health and safety of our customers and employees as a priority. We have installed plexi guards and increased sanitizing procedures. We will continue to work closely with LCHD in the future,” said owners of Dave's County Market.

“Lincoln County has a relatively low COVID-19 disease incidence rate at this time. We encourage people to continue to wear face coverings and take other preventative steps like physical distancing, proper hand hygiene and frequent cleaning and disinfection. These actions reduce the spread of illness and keep our businesses and schools open,” states Shelley Hersil, Lincoln County Health Department Director/Health Officer.

LCHD encourages the public to monitor our COVID-19 Outbreaks and Investigations webpage <https://co.lincoln.wi.us/health/page/covid-19-outbreaks-and-investigations>. LCHD updates this page with

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places identified in Lincoln County, through disease investigations, in which a high risk exposure to COVID-19 may have occurred. Appearance on this list does not necessarily mean the establishment did something wrong nor does it mean the establishment should be closed.

LCHD will continue to update our Facebook page Monday - Friday, with current COVID-19 case counts. This is a rapidly evolving situation. For the latest information about COVID-19 in Lincoln County visit: <https://co.lincoln.wi.us/covid19> or follow us on Facebook. You can also visit the [CDC's website](#) or the [DHS website](#).

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