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WISCONSIN ELECTRONIC DISEASE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (WEDSS) SCHEDULED FOR UPGRADE

Menominee and Shawano Counties – The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WI-DHS) is scheduling an upgrade to the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS) this weekend, October 16 to October 18. WEDSS is used by both WI-DHS and local health departments to track COVID-19 cases and all other communicable diseases throughout Wisconsin.

The upgrade will:

- Improve contact tracing, making it easier and quicker to input data
- Increase automation
- Improve capacity for increase in positive cases and contacts

The WEDSS system improvements and routine maintenance are scheduled to begin Friday, October 16 at 5 p.m. As the system completes the upgrade, data reported through WI-DHS and local health departments may appear artificially low or skewed. No data will be lost during the upgrade, though it may lag a few days behind. We are encouraging people to look at the 7-day rolling average and trends to better understand COVID activity during this time. The upgrades are scheduled to be completed by Monday, October 19, and the data should begin to stabilize by Tuesday, October 20.

Communicable disease will still be monitored throughout the weekend, and reporting of test results will not be impacted. Individuals will still be able to receive their results through their provider or COVID Connect from a community testing site, although there will be a delay in the ability for public health to follow up with individuals after they have received their results.

For more information about COVID-19, visit the Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department website.

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