

# A Plea to Our Community about COVID-19

*From Physician Leaders in Southeastern Wisconsin*

Today is October 29, 2020.

**4,463.** That's the number of people in southeast Wisconsin\* who tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 72 hours.

**567.** That's the number of people in southeast Wisconsin currently in the hospital with COVID-19.

## **THIS IS REAL.**

But this isn't about numbers. It's about people. People you know and care about. Your mom. Your dad. Your grandparents. Your husband. Your wife. Your kids. Your partner. Your friends. Your neighbors. Your co-workers.

It's also about protecting the people who keep our communities going. Healthcare workers. Essential workers. First responders.

But we get it. You're tired. We are too.

We also get that you're hearing mixed messages about what you should do. About what works.

You trust us to take care of you when you're sick...right? We're asking that you **trust us** when we say: **You have the power.** Every. Single. One of you.

The power to keep yourself safe and to keep people around you safe - it's simple and it doesn't cost much.

1. Wear a mask.
2. Wash your hands.
3. Watch your distance.
4. Get your flu shot.

If we all take these small actions, we can turn this around and keep ourselves and our loved ones safe.

As healthcare providers, we stand united in our commitment to care for the health, well-being and safety of our communities.

We will be here for you when you need us. **Will you join us?**

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