County Executive Parisi: Dane County marks new record high for COVID-19 hospitalizations

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County Executive Joe Parisi issued the following statement as local hospitals reported a new record today in the number of individuals hospitalized in Dane County for Covid-19:

"Our community is in the midst of a very alarming surge of sickness and hospitalizations. Today, there are 144 individuals hospitalized here, marking a new, deeply troubling record.

"Covid's greatest test has come at a moment when we are all tired and frustrated, but it's imperative we rally. Now more than ever we have to come together and make choices that reduce not only the risk to us and our families but also to the nurses and doctors who are working around the clock to care for those who are sick. Our health care workers are going to wear down if this is their everyday experience for the next several months.

"While challenging, we all need to make short term sacrifices. Employers – if you have employees who can work from home, please let them do so. Group gatherings need to stop in any setting for a few weeks. Let's ask ourselves one more time – what's the piece we can each do to ease the burden of this scourge on our neighbors and community?"