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Wisconsin Medical Society Statement on COVID-19 Pandemic Behaviors

The following statement can be attributed to Society CEO Bud Chumbley, MD, MBA:

Physicians across Wisconsin know that certain behaviors, when embraced widely, can help control the spread of COVID-19; the Wisconsin Medical Society has consistently worked to help the public better understand how their individual actions benefit the entire state. As case numbers have risen in the last several weeks, it is even more important that we all remain diligent to protect the health of our friends, neighbors and families.

If we all agree to take simple steps, we can reduce the spread of the pandemic and protect our state's physical and economic health. We strongly urge everyone to wear masks, maintain social distancing and continue to wash hands often and thoroughly. We should also keep up with the latest science on how the virus spreads so we can act in ways that minimize exposure. As the influenza season approaches, getting a flu shot is another smart, proactive action we can take to better protect ourselves and each other.

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