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Dear Community Partner Organization,

Maybe it's due to the long holiday weekend, or just a sign that more and more we're adjusting to this new normal, but there seems to be less "new" news coming out to share with you. But we are still here and working hard, and as always, I want to hear from you if you have any Covid-19 questions/concerns. I am available by phone or email, Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A few updates:

- While we continue to see only a slow/steady growth in confirmed cases in St. Louis County, and relatively few cases needing hospitalization, that's not the case elsewhere in the state. Last week, several hospitals were at or near ICU capacity by the end of the week, and the state saw its largest single-day increase (41) for COVID-specific ICU bed use from Sunday to Monday.
- The Minnesota National Guard administered more than 1,400 Covid-19 tests in Duluth last weekend. We have not heard of any of those results coming back yet. But we are hearing that plans are in the works for them to offer tests again in the near future.
- Monday, June 1, is the day we'll be seeing more businesses open at limited capacity. Additionally, we're seeing more people taking advantage of the warm weather (we're doing it, too!) Please help us share the message that it is as important as ever to consider:
 - How close you are to other people. (Maintain 6-feet social distancing.)
 - How long they are in close proximity to another person.
 - How predictable the setting is.

This applies for staff and customers in workplace settings, and for everyone in social settings – even outside.

Thank you for your continued partnership!

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St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services

is here to work alongside you as you navigate response to COVID 19. Your organization is a key partner in protecting and promoting community health!

As the COVID-19 situation rapidly evolves, find accurate, up to date information here:

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)

Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

St. Louis County COVID-19 information
