



# BARRON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



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## **Barron County COVID-19 Help Available**

Our community is feeling the effects of COVID-19. Many have lost loved ones, lost wages, have been through multiple quarantines, and have experienced more everyday stress. Barron County is a community that cares. Together we can help each other through these difficult times. The United Way Barron County COVID-19 Community Fund, the Salvation Army, and Barron County Department of Health and Human Services are teaming together to help people get the help they need as quickly as possible.

"COVID-19 is hard for all of us. We want to meet our families where they are at and get them the help they need quickly," said Public Health Manager, Laura Sauve.

Barron County agencies have combined forces to cut the red tape and get Barron County residents the help they need now. If you or a member of your household is under isolation, quarantine, or have lost wages due to COVID-19, you can apply for help at: <https://documents.co.barron.wi.us/Forms/covid19>. The application will also be added to [www.barroncountywi.gov](http://www.barroncountywi.gov). If you do not have access to the internet, please call 2-1-1 and they will assist you in filling out the application. Examples of help available are food and supplies while isolating or quarantining, rent or mortgage assistance, utility assistance, childcare assistance and more. Long-term needs will be addressed and referred to appropriate resources; however, it is apparent that many families are being affected by temporary or reduced wages and need the help now.

If you are in a position to help your Barron County neighbors, please consider donating to the United Way Barron County COVID-19 Community Fund at: <https://www.unitedwayricelake.org/> or by mail: P.O. Box 325, Rice Lake, WI 54868 or the Salvation Army at: <https://bit.ly/BarronRedKettle> or by mail: P.O. Box 8, Rice Lake, WI 54868.

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