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Angela Weideman: Good Afternoon, my name is Angie Weideman and I'm the Public Health Director for Chippewa County Department of Public Health. Thank you for tuning in today, as you can see we are outside today, it is a beautiful day. I am at Irvine Park, and we wanted to give some tips in today's session about how to stay safe in the outdoors. Before we do that, I want to give a current status update for Chippewa County with COVID-19 cases. We currently have 7 positive cases of COVID-19 in the county. We have followed up with contacts to the people who are positive. Again, if you hear from the health department, because you are a contact investigation, we will ask you questions and give you recommendations. It is important that everybody follow the recommendations of the health department, to keep everybody safe. Again, if you have had a contact with a person who is positive for COVID-19 you will hear from the health department and be given recommendations from the health department. We also want to remind people, you are safer at home. Assuming that we are all doing our part with social distancing and staying at home as much as we can. It will take several weeks before we can start to see the results of Safer at Home. There are many reasons for that. Part of it is that there is a lag time between infection, symptom onset and testing results coming in. So the numbers that you are seeing today and in the near future are people who were infected before we started Safer at Home. Please do not get discouraged. We will need to continue to do everything that we can to work together to stop the spread of COVID-19. If we do this, we will all be able to get together again sooner. Today is a beautiful day, and we want you to be able to go outside safely. Please do not use playgrounds. As you can see there is a sign posted and yellow tape that is around the playground equipment to make sure that people don't use playground equipment currently. Parks are open, but make sure you stay at least six feet away from each other, if you are using the parks. Be prepared for limited access to restrooms and water fountains. You might want to carry water and hand sanitizer with you. Please share the trails. If you are using trails, let people know when you are planning on passing them, so it is easier to use the social distancing practices. If you are sick, please do not use the parks or trails. Just because you are outside doesn't mean you can gather in large groups. Make sure you are still around a small amount of people and at least using six feet of distance between you and another person. We do recommend walking in your own community and doing virtual workouts with friends. Please do not work out in large groups or share equipment during a workout. That is not ok. Remember also that you can email questions to the health department at COVID@co.chippewa.wi.us and remember the health department is your source for up-to-date information. Thank you for tuning in today and enjoy the outdoors, safely.

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