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## UW-Madison/Extension Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic (PDDC) Update

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Due to COVID-19, the PDDC is no longer accepting physical samples for diagnosis. However, the PDDC is continuing to provide diagnoses through examination of digital photographs. Traditionally, digital diagnoses have not been included in the Wisconsin Disease Almanac, because such diagnoses are not verified through lab testing (critical in most situations for a diagnosis to be accurate). However, in an attempt to keep our clients as informed as possible, starting the week of March 28, 2020, digital diagnoses will be included in the Almanac. When a digital diagnosis would normally require a lab confirmation, the disease/disorder will be labeled as “suspected”. Digital diagnoses will be included in the Wisconsin Disease Almanac until further notice. The following diseases/disorders have been identified at the PDDC from March 28, 2020 through April 3, 2020.

| PLANT/SAMPLE TYPE                     | DISEASE/DISORDER                        | PATHOGEN                       | COUNTY   |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|----------|
| <b>BROAD LEAFED WOODY ORNAMENTALS</b> |   |                                |          |
| Boxwood                               | Winter Burn (suspected)                 | None                           | Monroe   |
| Maple (Korean)                        | Cold Injury (suspected)                 | None                           | Dodge    |
| <b>FRUIT CROPS</b>                    |   |                                |          |
| Apple                                 | Apple Scab (suspected)                  | <i>Venturia inaequalis</i>     | Columbia |
|                                       | Flyspeck                                | <i>Schizothyrium pomi</i>      | Columbia |
|                                       | Sooty Blotch                            | Misc. Sooty Blotch Fungi       | Columbia |
| <b>NEEDED WOODY ORNAMENTALS</b>       |   |                                |          |
| Spruce (Unspecified)                  | Rhizosphaera Needle Cast (suspected)    | <i>Rhizosphaera kalkhoffii</i> | Shawano  |
|                                       | Unidentified Canker Disease (suspected) | Unidentified canker fungus     | Shawano  |

For additional information on plant diseases and their control, visit the PDDC website at [pddc.wisc.edu](http://pddc.wisc.edu). Follow the clinic on Facebook and Twitter @UWPDDC.