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SECOND CASE OF COVID-19 CONFIRMED IN IRON COUNTY

Iron County Public Health officials have confirmed a second person that has been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) in Iron County. The individual is in isolation at home and no further information is being released to protect the person's privacy. Public health officials are working to determine how the individual may have become infected and are contacting others with whom the positive cases had close contact with.

When in public, one may come in contact with someone that has COVID-19. Currently, not everyone is getting tested for the virus, so there are likely unidentified positive cases in our communities. Many people that have COVID-19 don't have any symptoms; this means that they can spread COVID-19 to others and not even know it. Public Health officials are using the term social or physical distancing. Currently, it is the only effective means of decreasing the spread of infection. Iron County Health Department continues to urge the public to limit their contacts overall. People need to be in contact with as few people as possible. We strongly encourage everyone to continue to practice and promote social distancing and avoiding direct contact through large gatherings. Any type of gathering can increase a risk of exposure.

In order to reduce the spread of the coronavirus, Governor Evers enacted the Safer at Home order on March 25, 2020. To protect yourself and others please be sure to thoroughly wash your hands often, stay home as much as possible, and stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.

Iron County Public Health is committed to sharing accurate information and we recommend the following sources:

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

DHS: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm>

Iron County Public Health www.ironcountypublichealth.org

Iron County Facebook page: Iron County Health Department