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Press Announcement

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Second Resident Confirmed Positive In Marathon County

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Marathon County Public Health Department is confirming today that a second person has tested positive for COVID-19. The person is currently isolated. County health officials are working to determine how the person may have become infected and we are assuming there may be community spread. Health Department staff will be contacting individuals on Sunday and Monday who have come in close contact with the person. This will be an ongoing case investigation.

Anyone who has had **close** contact with the individual and is symptomatic will be isolated. Marathon County Health Department will be checking daily with individuals who are isolated to their home. People who have been in contact with the person and don't have symptoms will be self-quarantined at home and asked to monitor themselves for symptoms. Persons who are self-quarantining should contact their health care provider if symptoms appear.

Symptoms of COVID-19 to watch for include: cough, fever, or shortness of breath or other respiratory symptoms. Contact your healthcare provider for instructions before going to a clinic. Please **call the clinic or hospital before going**; this helps protect others.

There are choices you can make for your own safety and the safety of others. Your defense to control the spread of COVID 19 is to:

- Stay home when sick, contact your health care provider as needed
- Only travel for essential reasons: to seek health care, for food, or other essential products.

- Limiting gatherings to the same people of 10 or less
- Avoid close contact with anyone with flu like symptoms
- Use good hygiene and infection control precautions

We will continue working with local health care systems, and the State Department of Health Services and to limit the spread of COVID-19 in the community. The COVID 19 pandemic is an evolving situation and we encourage people to monitor the WI Department of Health Services (DHS) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) websites for the latest information and guidance. Information from Marathon County Health Department is at <https://www.co.marathon.wi.us/covid19>

“We can’t contain the spread without the help of everyone” said Judy Burrows, Public Information Officer for the Marathon County Health Department. “We (Marathon County Health Department) have the experience in disease investigation and monitoring persons who are in isolation. We need the community to help us help control the spread of COVID19.”

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