



# Douglas County Public Health

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## **COVID-19: Confirmed Case in Douglas County**

Douglas County— Public Health announced today that Douglas County has its first confirmed case of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, which is likely associated with travel. This individual is isolated at home and doing well. Public Health is identifying and contacting anyone that has been in close contact with the positive case.

“It is important that Douglas County residents do not panic but continue to follow recommendations to protect themselves, others, and slow the spread of COVID-19.” said Kathy Ronchi, Douglas County Health Officer. “I am confident in our community’s ability to support each other in the difficult days ahead.”

With no medicine or vaccines to treat or prevent COVID-19, Douglas County Public Health wants everyone to follow these simple steps:

- Stay home when sick
- Frequent handwashing with soap and water for 20 seconds
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your face
- Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces
- Practice social distancing – six (6) feet from others
- Avoid public gatherings of more than 10 persons

“Public Health and Emergency Management are working together with local, state, and federal partners to implement response plans; but it is important to understand that everyone has a role in reducing the spread of COVID-19.” said Dave Sletten, Douglas County Emergency Manager.

The COVID-19 pandemic is quickly evolving and many rumors exist. Public health is committed to sharing accurate information and is notified of confirmed test results. Douglas County Public Health recommends the following information sources:

- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
  - DHS: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm>
  - Douglas County Webpage: <https://www.douglascountywi.org/1120/COVID-19-Coronavirus>
  - Douglas County Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/douglascountywisconsin/>
  - High Risk Individuals: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html>
  - Managing Anxiety & Stress during COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/managing-stress-anxiety.html>
  - United Way: 211
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