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CONFIRMED NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) CASE IN PORTAGE COUNTY

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As of 18:00 PM

Stevens Point, WI—Portage County Health and Human Services-Division of Public Health (Portage County Public Health) is confirming that one person in Portage County has tested positive for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). The individual is currently in isolation and receiving medical care. County health officials are working to determine how the person may have become infected and is contacting individuals with whom the patient had close contact with.

Portage County Public Health encourages community members to follow Governor Evers' Safer At Home order and stay at home as much as possible. In addition, people should continue to practice proper hygiene to avoid getting sick, including:

- Frequent and thorough handwashing with soap and water.
- Covering coughs and sneezes.
- Avoiding touching your face.
- Staying home when sick.
- Practicing social and physical distancing.
- Avoiding large public gatherings and crowds.

“Portage County Public Health is ready to respond to an increased number of cases. We will continue to work with Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and our local partners to make sure our community remains safe and healthy,” said Gary Garske, Health Officer, Portage County Division of Public Health. “Community updates related to the Division of Public Health’s COVID-19 response are provided on a daily basis and are posted at the county’s website at www.co.portage.wi.us, on the COVID-19 webpage.” Garske added.

Portage County Public Health will continue to monitor and follow-up with individuals who test positive for COVID-19. Additionally, work with local, state, and federal partners and local healthcare providers will also continue to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our communities

This is a rapidly evolving situation. For the latest information, visit the [CDC's website](#) or the [DHS website](#).

For the latest information about COVID-19 in Portage County visit:

[Portage County's COVID-19 website](#)

[Portage County Division of Public Health Updates and Alerts](#)

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