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

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As of 5:00 PM

Stevens Point, WI—Portage County Health and Human Services-Division of Public Health is confirming that another Portage County resident has tested positive for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). The individual is currently in isolation. County health officials believe domestic travel may be how the person become infected and is contacting individuals with whom the patient had close contact with.

Portage County Division of Public Health strongly advises community members to follow Governor Evers' [Safer At Home Emergency Order](#) and stay at home as much as possible. In addition, people should continue to practice proper social distancing to avoid getting sick and spreading the virus, including:

- Frequent and thorough handwashing for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.
- Covering coughs and sneezes.
- Avoiding touching your face.
- Staying home when sick.
- Practicing social distancing
- Avoiding gatherings where more than 10 people are in attendance, this includes outdoor events.

“As the number of confirmed cases continues to increase, it is extremely important that we continue to observe the Safe At Home Order,” said Gary Garske, Health Officer, Portage County Division of Public Health. “Keep practicing social distancing and avoiding non-essential travel. Essential travel is defined as traveling for work, medical appointments, groceries, and pharmacy needs. With the weather getting nicer it is important to avoid activities where people can congregate even outdoors, as this is not maintaining safe social distancing and helps the COVID-19 virus to spread within our community. Please stay at home as much as possible and let’s help protect one another and the community,” Garske added.

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

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

[Portage County’s COVID-19 website](https://www.co.portage.wi.us) at <https://www.co.portage.wi.us>

The [COVID-19 site at the Wisconsin Department of Health Services](https://www.wisconsin.gov) at <https://www.wisconsin.gov>

[Portage County Division of Public Health Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/PortageCountyDPH/) at <https://www.facebook.com/PortageCountyDPH/>

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