



BARRON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



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First COVID-19 Case Confirmed in Barron County

Within the last hour, Barron County Public Health received notification of our first confirmed case of COVID-19.

The person who tested positive lives and works in Barron County. They are isolating at home and will continue to do so based on guidelines from Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

A Barron County Public Health nurse has spoken with the individual. Public Health is working to identify contacts that the person may have had. Staff will follow up with anyone who may have been exposed to provide appropriate guidance.

“There is no need for the public to panic,” says Laura Sauve, Health Officer. “We have been preparing for a case of COVID-19 in Barron County and are taking the necessary steps to limit further spread.”

It is important that everyone works together to stop the spread of COVID-19. Please remember:

- No one should be meeting or gathering with *anyone* other than the people who live in their home. (including playdates and sleepovers, parties, large family dinners, and individual visitors)
- People should not be traveling except to go to the grocery store, the doctor, to pick up necessary items or go to and from work.
- It is important to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid touching your face.
- If you get sick, please call before going in to the clinic or hospital.

“Barron County Public Health is ready to handle positive cases of COVID-19. We will continue to work with Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Centers for Disease Control, and our local partners to make sure our community remains safe and healthy,” concludes Health officer Sauve.

For more information on COVID-19 call 211 or visit:

- WI DHS COVID-19: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>
- CDC COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

You can also follow Barron County Public Health or Wisconsin Department of Health Services on Facebook.

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