ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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the health of our community

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FOURTH CASE OF COVID-19 CONFIRMED IN ONEIDA COUNTY

Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) has received notification a fourth person in Oneida County has been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19). The individual is in their 50's and has not had contact with any of the previously confirmed cases in the county. The individual has a history of travel outside of the community and is currently in isolation. County health officials are working to determine how the individual may have become infected and are contacting others with whom the person with the positive result had close contact with.

Linda Conlon, Oneida County Health Department Director/Health Officer asks community members to follow Governor Evers' Safer At Home order and stay at home as much as possible. "Because COVID-19 transmission is now widespread throughout Wisconsin, even people who have not traveled outside of their community should minimize their contact with others by staying home when possible, practicing social distancing, and being alert for symptoms of COVID-19," Conlon added. There is an urgent need to restrict movement and stay home as much as possible. In addition, people should continue to:

- Frequently and thoroughly wash hands with soap and water
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your face
- Stay home when sick
- Practice social and physical distancing
- Avoid large gatherings and crowds

In addition to the above recommendations, the CDC has also updated their guidance encouraging the public to wear cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas with community-based transmission.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. If you think you may have COVID-19, you should call the clinic or hospital before going. Please do not call 9-1-1; this should be reserved for those needing critical emergency attention.

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OCHD is keeping track of this outbreak. We are working with our local, state, and federal partners to deal quickly and effectively when people have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been around people who have been infected with the coronavirus to make sure our community remains safe and healthy.

In an effort to keep community members up to date on COVID-19, OCHD will continue to update our Facebook page daily, Monday-Friday, with current COVID-19 case counts. This will include the number of individuals tested in Oneida County, negative test results, pending test results, as well as any additional positive test results.

This is a rapidly evolving situation. This is what we know now, and information may change. To read the latest information about COVID-19 check the Oneida County Health Department website (oneidacountypublichealth.org) or Facebook page (facebook.com/OneidaCountyHealthDepartment/), the Department of Health Services (DHS) website (https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html).

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