



ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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To protect, nurture, and advance
the health of our community

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NINTH CASE OF COVID-19 CONFIRMED IN ONEIDA COUNTY

Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) has received notification a ninth person in Oneida County has been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19). The individual is in their 60s and has no known contact with someone who has previously tested positive for COVID-19, no history of travel outside of the community but has visited businesses in the community while potentially contagious, including Shopko Optical in Rhinelander on May 14 and The Edge Bar and Grill in Hazlehurst on May 15. The individual is now self-isolating. 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, including individuals who work at the businesses visited.

With the increased movement of people at this time, OCHD will begin to share more information about the public places people who have tested positive for COVID-19 have been during their time of communicability if the time spent there could have resulted in significant exposure for others. This will hopefully allow the public to better know their potential risk of coming in contact with someone who has tested positive. Linda Conlon, Oneida County Health Department Director/Health Officer asks community members to continue to protect yourself and those around you. "Now is not the time to become complacent. We must continue to have resolve and think of our friends and neighbors as we help keep our community strong and healthy," Conlon added. 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 physical/social distancing
- Avoid large gatherings and crowds
- Utilize cloth face coverings when physical/social distancing is difficult to do

People with confirmed infections have a range of symptoms, from little to no symptoms to people being severely sick and dying. Symptoms may include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Body and muscle aches
- Nausea
- Vomiting

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- Diarrhea
- Loss of smell
- Loss of taste

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please contact your medical provider to be tested.

While this virus predominantly affects our vulnerable population more acutely, no one is immune from developing serious, even life threatening complications. Please protect others by protecting yourself.

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/](https://www.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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