

To protect, nurture and advance the health of our community

## ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## FIFFTEEN AND SIXTEENTH CASES OF COVID-19 CONFIRMED IN ONEIDA COUNTY

Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) has received notification a fifteenth and sixteenth person in Oneida County have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus (COVID-19). One individual is in their 40's and the other is under 10. The individuals who tested positive are not connected, but both are close contacts with different people who have previously tested positive for COVID-19. Both individuals are self-isolated and no significant risks of exposure to the general public related to these individuals have been identified. County health officials are contacting others with whom the individuals with the positive result had close contact with.

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 or muscle aches

Nausea

Vomiting

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.

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100 W. Keenan Street Rhinelander, WI 54501 Monday– Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM 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 diagnosed 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 (<a href="mailto:oneidacountypublichealth.org">oneidacountypublichealth.org</a>) or Facebook page (<a href="mailto:facebook.com/OneidaCountyHealthDepartment/">facebook.com/OneidaCountyHealthDepartment/</a>), the Department of Health Services (DHS) website (<a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm</a>) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website (<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.htm">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.htm</a>).

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