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North Shore Health Department reports positive case of COVID-19

The North Shore Health Department received notification from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services that a person in Milwaukee County has tested positive for the novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19). The affected individual returned from international travel and received notification from individuals in which they had interaction with overseas that they had tested positive. Upon returning to the United States, the individual was experiencing symptoms consistent with potential COVID-19 exposure and immediately went to a Milwaukee area hospital for evaluation.

Following testing, the individual returned directly home and has remained under self-quarantine. It is extremely important to note that this individual did exactly as asked by local, state and federal recommendations.

To prevent the spread of illness, the North Shore Health Department is conducting a contact investigation to identify and follow-up with any people who had close contact with this individual. Close contacts will be monitored by local public health department staff, do daily symptom and temperature checks, and isolate themselves.

To minimize the spread of illness, North Shore Health Department recommends people postpone or cancel nonessential travel to areas with coronavirus. This includes both international travel and domestic travel to states with widespread illness. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updates this information daily. If travel is essential to these areas, travelers should undergo a 14-day self-quarantine upon your return and monitor their health for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has more information about how to self-quarantine on their website at dhs.wisconsin.gov.

The North Shore Health Department's responsibilities include:

- Monitoring travelers who have traveled within and outside the US in areas where there is community transmission.
- Ensuring isolation of any individuals who are waiting for test results.
- Supplying individuals with items they need to stay home for an extended period of time.
- Following-up with anyone who has been in close contact with a person who has coronavirus and instructing them what to do to prevent the spread of the virus.



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While a person's chances of getting sick from COVID-19 in Wisconsin are low right now, we would like people to follow public health recommendations to prevent widespread illness in the future. There are numerous resources on the [CDC website](#) to help individuals and families, faith and spiritual communities, schools, and workplaces prepare for coronavirus.

There are steps everyone can take to stay healthy. These include washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, staying home when sick, and coughing or sneezing into a tissue.

For additional information related to this release, please contact Ann Christensen, Health Director/Health Officer for the North Shore Health Department at 414-371-2980.

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