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## NOVEL CORONAVIRUS CONFIRMED

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Florence County Public Health officials confirmed a person has been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) in Florence County. The individual is in isolation and no further information is being released to protect the person's privacy. Health officials are investigating how the person may have become infected, and will be contacting individuals who may have had close contact with the person.

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. Annette Seibold, Florence County Health Officer/Director asks community members to continue to follow Governor Evers' Safer At Home order. "Staying at home and physical distancing during essential services are currently our strongest tools against flattening the curve and protecting our communities," added Seibold.

People should continue to follow steps to prevent illness and avoid exposure to this virus including:

- Practice social and physical distancing
- Frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and water
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your face
- Stay home when sick

This is a rapidly evolving situation. For the latest information, visit the [CDC's website](#), the [DHS website](#), or the Florence County Health Department Facebook or website at <http://www.florencecountywi.com/>.

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