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FIFTH CASE OF COVID-19 CONFIRMED IN FLORENCE COUNTY

Florence/WI— Public Health officials have confirmed a fifth person has been diagnosed with novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Florence County. The individual is over 40 years of age and is in isolation. No further information is being released to protect the person's privacy. The case is unrelated to previous positive cases and there was no business or establishment contact in Florence County. County health officials are investigating and assessing other individuals in close contact. Based on CDC guidelines, a close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before illness onset until the time the patient is isolated. They should maintain quarantine by staying home, maintaining social distancing, and self-monitor until 14 days from the last date of exposure. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/principles-contact-tracing.html>

Public health officials continue to share prevention strategies:

- Keep your circle of contacts to a small amount of individuals
- Maintain six feet apart and less than 15- minute exposure from those outside your small circle of contacts
- Frequent and thorough handwashing with soap and water.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Stay home when sick.
- Practice social and physical distancing.

COVID-19 continues to evolve and our strategies to combat the spread. 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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