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From: April Loeffler, Health Officer/Public Health Supervisor

First COVID-19 Case Confirmed in Buffalo County

Buffalo County Health Department received notification of our first confirmed case of COVID-19 by positive lab test today, March 30, 2020.

The individual is in their 50's, who has had known contact with a confirmed case. The individual is isolating at home and will continue to do so based on WI Department of Health Services guidelines. Buffalo County Public Health has spoken with the individual. Public Health is actively identifying contacts that the individual may have had and will follow up with anyone who may have been exposed to provide appropriate guidance.

"Our Public Health Team is prepared to respond to COVID-19 and continue our efforts to protect Buffalo County residents" said April Loeffler, Health Officer/Public Health Supervisor.

Buffalo County Public Health wants everyone to continue to follow these steps to avoid the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home. Avoid social gatherings with people of all ages (including playdates and sleepovers, parties, large family dinners, visitors in your home, non-essential workers in your house)
- Practice good hygiene.
  - o Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
  - o Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
  - o Eat a nutritious diet and get plenty of rest.
- If you are having symptoms-fever, cough, difficulty breathing-call your doctor before going in.

For the latest information about COVID-19 in Buffalo County, visit:

https://www.buffalocounty.com/483/COVID-19-Coronavirus
https://www.facebook.com/buffalocountydhhs/?ref=bookmarks

For resources and general questions:
Text: COVID19 to 211-211
Call: 211
Visit: https://www.211wisconsin.org

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