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Health Department Update on Wisconsin COVID-19 Cases

Eau Claire, WI – March 10, 2020 2:15 PM – The Eau Claire City-County Health Department continues to follow the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation as it develops. There have now been three confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. As this situation develops, it becomes more likely that there will be people in Eau Claire County who are asked to stay at home after contact with someone who is sick with COVID-19. We understand that sounds concerning, but **the risk to Eau Claire County residents remains low**. There are no identified cases of COVID-19 in Eau Claire at this time. Here is what the public needs to know:

- When people have been in contact with someone who is sick with COVID-19, they are asked to stay at home for 2 weeks to monitor for symptoms. This is called quarantine. This **does not** mean that these people are ill but does limit the number of people they are in contact with in case they get sick.
- As the Health Department learns of any individuals who have been in contact with a person who is sick with COVID-19, we are contacting those individuals to stay at home and monitor their health. This follows guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- People who have been in contact with someone who is sick with COVID-19, but do not have any symptoms, are not able to spread the illness to others. These people will be asked to stay at home in an abundance of caution.
- You can stay up to date with the latest information on the Health Department website coronavirus.ehealthdepartment.org, Facebook, or Twitter at [@ehealthdept](https://twitter.com/ehealthdept).

While the risk remains low, **everyone can help prevent the spread of illness in our community with a few simple, but effective everyday actions:**

- Wash your hands often.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Follow guidance from the CDC if you are traveling <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Please know that the health and safety of all community members remains our highest priority.

If you have questions, please email us at ehealth@co.eau-claire.wi.us or call us at 715-839-4725.

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