



## **Vilas County Public Health Department**

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### **Vilas County has its Third Case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019)**

The Vilas County Public Health Department is confirming their third case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019). The individual is a close contact to one of the other two positive cases in the county. This individual is currently in isolation. The Health Department is contacting individuals with whom the patient had close contact.

“Even though we have an additional known case, we do not consider Vilas County to have community spread of the virus,” stated Laurel Dreger, Health Officer, Vilas County Public Health Department. “The term “community spread” means there is no known source of the disease, such as a recent contact with an infected person or travel from an area with a high number of cases. This is not the case with our most recent confirmation.”

Vilas County Public Health Department encourages community members to follow Governor Ever’s Safe at Home order and stay at home as much as possible. In addition, people should continue to practice proper hygiene to avoid getting sick, including:

- Frequent and thorough handwashing with soap and water.
- Covering coughs and sneezes.
- Avoiding touching your face.
- Staying home when sick.
- Practicing social and physical distancing.
- Avoiding large public gatherings and crowds.

The Health Department continues to work with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and their local partners to make sure our community remains safe and healthy. For more information, visit the county’s website at

<https://health.vilascountywi.gov/>

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