



Bayfield County Health Department

117 East Sixth Street - P.O. Box 403 - Washburn, WI 54891 Phone: 715/373-6109

Fax: 715/373-6307

*Sara Wartman, BSN, RN, CLS
Health Director/Health Officer*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: 3/19/2020

CONTACTS:

Sara Wartman, Health Officer
Bayfield County Health Department
Ph: (715)373-6109
Email: swartman@bayfieldcounty.org

COVID-19 Update Confirmed in Bayfield County

Bayfield County—The Bayfield County Health Department announced today that there is 1 new confirmed case in Bayfield County, Wisconsin. This is the first case detected in Bayfield County. This individual recently traveled where community spread of COVID-19 is occurring, and developed symptoms shortly afterwards. Self-quarantine procedures have been reviewed with this individual.

Bayfield County Health Department and area health care providers are partnering together to keep track of this outbreak. We are in daily contact with this individual to monitor their symptoms and ensure they are receiving support to be able to isolate at home. We are also working with local, state, and federal partners to deal quickly and effectively when people have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been around people have been infected with the coronavirus.

The Bayfield County Health Department and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) responsibilities include:

- Identifying and contacting anyone who has been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19. These people are asked to quarantine themselves for 14 days from their exposure and will be monitored for fever and respiratory symptoms. People with symptoms are tested for COVID-19.
- Performing follow-up testing for individuals who test positive to determine when a person can be released from isolation.
- Providing guidance to clinicians regarding testing.
- Preparing Wisconsin for community spread of COVID-19.



Bayfield County Health Department

117 East Sixth Street - P.O. Box 403 - Washburn, WI 54891 Phone: 715/373-6109

Fax: 715/373-6307

*Sara Wartman, BSN, RN, CLS
Health Director/Health Officer*

The health department wants everyone know that people should follow simple steps to avoid getting sick, including:

- Frequent and thorough handwashing with soap and water.
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your face
- Stay home when sick
- Practice social distancing
- Avoid large public gatherings and crowds

Bayfield County Health Department is ready to deal with an increased number of cases. We will continue to work with DHS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and our local partners to make sure our community remains safe and healthy,” said Sara Wartman, Public Health Officer for Bayfield County Health Department.

This is a rapidly evolving situation. For the latest information, visit the [CDC's website](#) or the [DHS website](#).

For the latest information about COVID-19 in Bayfield County, visit www.BayfieldCounty.org or visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BayfieldCountyHealthDept/

###