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News Release

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SECOND CASE OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID- 19) IN SAWYER COUNTY

Hayward, WI-- Sawyer County Public Health officials have confirmed a second person in Sawyer County has been diagnosed with the novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19). Public Health officials have determined that we have COVID-19 circulating in Sawyer County. People who are considered close contacts to the confirmed cases have been contacted and are being monitored.

Currently, not everyone is getting tested for the virus, so there are likely unidentified positive cases in our county. Many people that have COVID-19 don't have any symptoms; and this means that they can spread COVID-19 to others and not even know it.

Public Health officials are using the term social or physical distancing. Currently it is the only effective means of decreasing the spread of the infection. If you are in a public place where it is difficult to keep a 6-foot distance from others, consider wearing a face covering or mask. The Sawyer County Health Department continues to urge the public to limit their contacts overall. People need to be in contact with as few people as possible.

In order to reduce the spread of the coronavirus, Governor Evers enacted the Safer At Home order on March 24, 2020. To protect yourself and others please be sure to continue to thoroughly wash your hands often, stay home as much as possible, and stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care. If you develop a fever, cough or shortness of breath please call the Sawyer County COVID-19 Screening Hotline at 715-934-4518. They are ready to assist you 7 days a week from 9:00 am.- 4:00 pm.

Sawyer County Public Health and our local healthcare community have been actively planning and preparing for an increased number of COVID-19 cases. We are ready to respond to meet our county healthcare needs.

All new official case information will be updated on our website: www.sawyercountygov.org/475/Public-Health and our Facebook page: Sawyer County Health Department

Sawyer County Public Health promotes healthy lifestyles, strong communities and safe environments.

