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RE: COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

(Marinette, WI) On March 12, 2020, Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency in response to new cases of COVID-19. Governor Evers signed Executive Order #72 directing the Department of Health Services (DHS) to take all necessary and appropriate measures to prevent and respond to incidents of the virus. On Friday, President Trump declared a national emergency. Marinette County Public Health is providing the following information for residents.

If you have traveled to an affected geographic area within the past two weeks and develop symptoms, CALL your doctor. Symptoms can include fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

Take these steps to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially before eating and after going to the bathroom, blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If you do not have soap and water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

While social media is fast and convenient, it is not your best source for factual information. Go to these websites for the most current and accurate information:

- WI Department of Health Services (WI DHS) <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>.

There is guidance for employers, schools, and childcare programs. For individuals there is guidance on symptoms, self-monitoring, travel, and large community events/gatherings recommendations.

Residents can call 2-1-1 if they do not have internet access. 2-1-1 is a statewide call center which is receiving information directly from WI DHS.

Employers are encouraged to have a response plan. The goals should include how to reduce the spread of the illness and thereby minimize the impact on your employees and business. Visit the CDC website for businesses and employers for more details. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers.html>