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### Chippewa County Confirms Two More Cases of COVID-19

Chippewa Falls, WI – March 26, 2020 1:30 PM – Today Chippewa County Department of Public Health and Wisconsin Department of Health Services **confirmed two more cases of COVID-19 in Chippewa County**, bringing the total to three. The individuals are following guidance from Chippewa County Department of Public Health. The Health Department is working on following up with those who may have been in contact with the individuals. There has been no identified connection between the three cases.

“These new cases emphasize the importance of social distancing and following Governor Evers’ Safer at Home order,” said Angela Weideman, Chippewa County Public Health Director/Officer. “Keeping a small circle (5 or fewer people) will make sure that your exposure to the virus is limited.”

Chippewa County residents should do the following:

#### Avoid all non-essential travel.

- If you think you have symptoms (fever, cough, and shortness of breath), call your primary care provider before going into the clinic or hospital.
- Do not travel to a second residence, such as a cabin or lake house.
- Only travel for essential supplies, such as groceries, medication, and doctor visits, or to and from work.

#### Practice good hygiene.

- If you are sick, stay home.
- Wash your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow or a tissue.
- Use hand sanitizer if you cannot wash your hands.

#### Stay connected.

- Call or virtually connect with friends, neighbors, and family. Pay extra attention to those that are elderly or live alone.
- Go for walks outside, while maintaining social distancing. Fresh air is good for your health.

For more information, contact the Health Department at [covid@co.chippewa.wi.us](mailto:covid@co.chippewa.wi.us) or 715-726-7900.

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