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Dear Clark County Residents:

The news about the new coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to develop, and we understand there is concern about how this will impact our community. COVID-19 is a *new* respiratory virus that was first identified in China in December 2019, and has now spread to other countries including the U.S. The symptoms are similar to the common cold and influenza – fever, cough, and difficulty breathing.

At this time, we have no cases of COVID-19 in Clark County, and only one case in Wisconsin at the beginning of February. We have not seen spread of the illness in Clark County or Wisconsin, and the risk to residents is currently low. It is, however, a rapidly changing situation.

**Please know that the health and safety of all community members is our highest priority.** The Clark County Health Department is meeting and working closely with local and state partners to follow federal guidance and prepare our community in the event that we do have a COVID-19 case in the county.

**To protect yourself from sickness, practice everyday health habits.**

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water.
- Cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home from work if you are sick. If your children are sick, keep them home from school or daycare. Avoid others who may be sick.

Please see the attached handout(s) for more information. To find up-to-date information, visit the CDC website at [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov).

If you have any questions, please contact the Clark County Health Department at 715-743-5105.

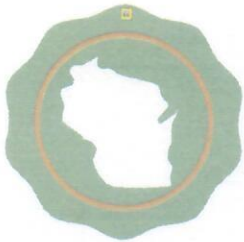
Kind regards,

Clark County Health Department

# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

## PREPARE, DON'T PANIC

### THE RISK TO CLARK COUNTY REMAINS LOW



Novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, continues to spread worldwide. While there was only one case of COVID-19 in Wisconsin at the beginning of February, several residents have been screened following travel to affected regions of the world. The current risk to Clark County residents remains low, even though additional cases have been reported in the U.S. For this reason, residents should prepare, but not panic.

### EXPERTS ARE WORKING TOGETHER



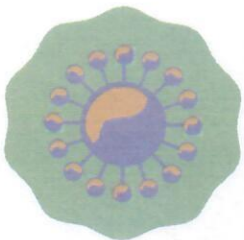
The Clark County Health Department is working with the WI Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to monitor COVID-19. We have been reviewing our emergency response plans and are prepared if cases arise in our community. We are confident in our ability to carry out public health recommendations in cooperation with local medical providers, schools, businesses, and other community partners.

### HEALTHY HABITS HELP PROTECT YOU FROM ANY SICKNESS



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- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home from work if you are sick. If your children are sick, keep them home from school or daycare. Avoid others who may be sick.
- Contact your healthcare provider if you have any questions.

### STAY IN THE LOOP



The COVID-19 situation is rapidly changing and we understand there is worry and concern involved. Please refer to the following websites for the latest and official information.

- For updates on COVID-19 in WI, visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>
- National updates and travel guidance are available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>



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