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**Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department Reports Positive Case of COVID-19, Urges Residents to Heed Governor's Statewide Ban on All Mass Gatherings of 10 or More People.**

The Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department received notification a person residing in Washington County has tested positive for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). This person sought medical care and was tested as a result of their symptoms. The individual is currently isolated and has followed all recommendations made by the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department.

To prevent the spread of illness, the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department is conducting a contact investigation to identify and follow-up with any people who had close contact with this individual. Close contacts will be monitored by local public health department staff; individuals will complete daily symptom and temperature checks and will be self-quarantined.

Today, Governor Tony Evers ordered a moratorium on mass gatherings of 10 people or more to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Effective at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 all public and private mass gatherings of 10 or more are prohibited in the State of Wisconsin. Additionally, all bars and restaurants shall close in the State of Wisconsin except for delivery and take-out services.

To minimize the spread of illness, the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department recommends people postpone or cancel non-essential travel to areas with COVID-19, including both international travel and domestic travel. Residents are urged to stay home if they are sick, practice social distancing of 6 feet or more between other people, practice good hygiene by washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and frequently disinfect commonly touched surfaces.

"In an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, we ask all of our residents to heed the Governor's orders and to consider the health of the most vulnerable in our communities," said Health Officer Kirsten Johnson.

There are numerous resources on the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov) to help prepare for and respond to COVID-19.

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