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## **First Case of COVID-19 Confirmed in Burnett County**

Burnett County Public Health received notification of our first confirmed case of COVID-19 late in the day on May 13, 2020. Initial notification was provided to the Minnesota Department of Health on May 9, 2020, as this individual sought medical services in Minnesota. Burnett County was not informed of the positive test until late in the day on May 13, 2020.

The individual is reported to have passed away on May 12, 2020, due to a secondary bacterial infection. Please help us in expressing our deepest sympathy to the family. Our thoughts are with them.

Burnett County Public Health and the Burnett County COVID-19 Response Team have been preparing for a positive case of COVID-19 and are taking the necessary steps to limit further spread.

Everyone can do their part to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Please remember:

- Stay home. Avoid social gatherings with anyone other than people who live in your home (no playdates, dinner parties, sleepovers, large family dinners, individual visitors).
- People should not be traveling except to go to the grocery store, the doctor, to pick up necessary items or go to and from work. If you must go out, practice physical distancing from others, staying six (6) feet apart.
- Wash your hands with warm soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough/sneeze.
- Avoid touching your face.
- If you get sick, call your hospital/doctor before going in.

Burnett County Public Health and the Burnett County COVID-19 Response Team are ready to handle positive cases of COVID-19. We will continue to work with Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Centers for Disease Control, and our local partners to make sure our community remains safe and healthy.

For more information on COVID-19 call 211 or visit:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

You can also follow Burnett County Public Health and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services on Facebook.