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Bayfield County Records Second Death from COVID-19

WASHBURN, WISCONSIN: The Bayfield County Health Department has learned of a second death of a county resident from COVID-19. This follows a week of record high new cases in Bayfield County. “We are saddened by the loss of one of our community members and our prayers are with the patient’s family and friends,” stated Sara Wartman, Health Officer for Bayfield County.

Across Wisconsin over 200,000 people have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and 1788 people in Wisconsin have died from the disease.

Bayfield County Public Health is asking all residents to work together to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. Residents must be mindful of whom they may expose to the virus when out in public, at work or school, visiting friends or family, and attending gatherings. “Many residents are exposing others without realizing they are putting others at elevated risk” stated Wartman. According to Wisconsin’s Department of Health Services, Bayfield County has very high case activity and the trend in cases is rising sharply. Public Health encourages everyone to be especially diligent in their efforts to help slow the spread of COVID-19 for the next two weeks.

“There are simple measures everyone can take to protect themselves and others. The more things we can do to lower our risk of exposure, the quicker the transmission rate will slow and the better off our communities will be” stated Wartman.

- Keep gatherings to a minimum
- Limit trips to just the essentials,
- Frequently and thoroughly wash hands,
- Stay home when sick or if others in your household are sick.
- Practice physical distancing at school, at work, and at any family functions,
- Wear a face covering/mask in public and around people outside of your household.

For local updates about COVID-19 and other public health news, follow the Bayfield County Health Department at <https://www.bayfieldcounty.org/COVID>

For updates on COVID-19 in WI, visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>.

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