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Lincoln County Reports Third Case of COVID-19

Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD) is confirming that a third person has tested positive for COVID-19 in Lincoln County. The individual is in their 50's and is expected to have become infected through community transmission. The individual is in isolation and LCHD is contacting others with whom the person had close contact with.

“Although the order is no longer in place, we are still in a pandemic and we have disease in our community.” states Shelley Hersil, LCHD Director/Health Officer. COVID-19 has the potential at any given point in the future to spread rapidly. It is critical that individuals, businesses and organizations continue to practice physical distancing and good personal hygiene. Please protect others by protecting yourself. In addition, everyone should continue to:

- Frequently and thoroughly wash hands with soap and water
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your face
- Stay home when sick
- Avoid large gatherings and crowds
- Utilize cloth face coverings when physical/social distancing is difficult to do

People with confirmed infections have a range of symptoms, from little to no symptoms to people being severely sick and dying. Symptoms may include: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, fatigue, body or muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of smell and loss of taste. It's important to remember that COVID-19 can be spread to others even if a person does not have symptoms.

There will be free community testing available to Lincoln County residents next week. There is no appointment required and tests are available at no charge. More information is available at www.co.lincoln.wi.us to get more information.

- Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 11 am - 7 pm, North Central Technical College, Wausau
- Wednesday, May 20, 2020, 11 am - 7 pm, Lakeland Union High School, Minocqua
- Thursday, May 21, 2020, 11 am - 7 pm, James Williams Middle School, Rhinelander

LCHD will continue to update our Facebook page Monday-Friday, with current COVID-19 case counts. This is a rapidly evolving situation. For the latest information about COVID-19 in Lincoln County visit: <https://co.lincoln.wi.us/covid19> or follow us on Facebook. You can also visit the [CDC's website](#) or the [DHS website](#).

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