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To all who live, work, play, and attend school in the City of Greenfield:

We want to share important information about COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The Greenfield Health Department works hard every day to assure optimal health and wellness of all community members through protection, promotion, education and partnership.

A considerable amount of information related to COVID-19 has been shared by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other public health partners over the past week. The risk to the general public remains low, even though additional cases have been reported in the U.S. While there are no current cases of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, several residents have been screened following travel to affected regions of the world.

The Greenfield Health Department is working closely with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and other regional health departments to monitor the situation. We have been reviewing our emergency response plans that have been created, tested, and revised over the past several years. We are prepared if cases arise in our community. We are confident in our ability to implement public health recommendations in cooperation with local medical providers, schools, and other community partners. Disease control is a collective effort by all.

For individuals, we support the continued public health messaging that is routinely shared during the current influenza and respiratory disease season. We encourage getting vaccinated for influenza and engaging in every day preventive measures that will significantly limit the spread of germs and help to avoid illness:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, mouth, and nose with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with individuals who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick. Do not drop off your sick child at school. [The CDC recommends that individuals remain home for at least 24 hours after you no longer have a fever or signs of a fever.]
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing.

The COVID-19 situation is changing, and we understand there is uncertainty involved. We will keep you informed as needed through various communication methods, including our website and social media. Additional information about COVID-19 in Wisconsin can be found at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>. We encourage you to contact the Greenfield Health Department if you have further questions or concerns.

Yours in Health,



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