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Greenfield Reports First Case of COVID-19

Emergency Operations Center Opens in Response to Public Health Emergency Declaration

Greenfield, Wis. – The City of Greenfield received notification that a Greenfield resident is a confirmed case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). This individual has remained in quarantine since returning from recent international travel. Greenfield city leaders have activated an Emergency Operations Center to actively address and monitor COVID-19 response across the City.

“While this case was likely exposed to COVID-19 while traveling, there is significant evidence of community spread within the greater Greenfield area,” explains Darren Rausch, Health Officer/Director. “We continue to work closely with federal, state, and regional partners to monitor this evolving situation.”

To minimize the spread of COVID-19 illness, the Greenfield Health Department recommends extreme social distancing measures. The Health Department ordered bars and restaurants to close dine-in service on Tuesday afternoon, and strongly recommends all businesses work to encourage social distancing in their settings throughout the City.

Last week, the City of Greenfield declared a Public Health Emergency and was approved by the Common Council on Tuesday, March 17. The Emergency Operations Center activation will support this declaration and all future coordinated response to COVID-19 in the City. All departments have instituted business continuity measures and have closed to the public, except for the City Clerk. **The City Clerk’s Office remains open for voter registration and in-person absentee voting (which begins Monday, March 23). Absentee ballots can still be requested by US Mail, by visiting the City Clerk’s office, or using myvote.wi.gov.**

Residents are encouraged to check the [City website](#) for important updates, cancelations, or postponements due to COVID-19.

For additional information about COVID-19 check the [City of Greenfield Website](#), [City of Greenfield Facebook Page](#), the [Department of Health Services \(DHS\)](#) and [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) websites.

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