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FOURTH and FIFTH CASE OF COVID-19 CONFIRMED IN IRON COUNTY

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Public Health officials have confirmed 2 more individuals have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Iron County. The individuals are in isolation and connected to each other, no further information is being released to protect the individual's privacy. County health officials are investigating and assessing other individuals in close contact with the individuals. These 2 new cases are not linked to previous confirmed cases in Iron County. Based on CDC guidelines, a close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before illness onset until the time the patient is isolated. They should maintain quarantine by staying home, maintaining social distancing, and self-monitor until 14 days from the last date of exposure. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/principles-contact-tracing.html>

Public health officials continue to share prevention strategies:

- Keep your circle of contacts to a small amount of individuals
- Maintain six feet apart and less than 15- minute exposure from those outside your small circle of contacts
- Frequent and thorough handwashing with soap and water.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Stay home when sick.
- Practice social and physical distancing.

Iron County Public Health will no longer send press releases for any new confirmed cases of COVID-19 that are reported. Please continue to monitor the Iron County Health Department Facebook Page or Iron County Public Health website for daily case data posted Monday through Friday.

COVID-19 continues to evolve and our strategies to combat the spread. For the latest information, visit the CDC's website, the DHS website, Iron County Health Department Facebook page or Website at: <https://www.ironcountypublichealth.org/>

