



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) INFORMATION**

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Mayor Robert B. Mielke met with surrounding municipality leaders this week and discussed the coronavirus (COVID-19) health risk within our cities and counties. Wisconsin and the United States are grappling with a myriad of issues related to this rapidly developing disease. Coronavirus is a virus that causes respiratory disease from infection of the airways and lungs.

The Center for Disease reports that the disease ranges in severity from mild to severe, with some cases resulting in death. Our older population and those with an already compromised immune system are more likely to suffer serious effects from the disease. The CDC also reports that the virus is believed to spread from person to person (within about 6 feet) as a result of coughing, sneezing, or other physical contact. The most common symptoms are fever, coughing, and shortness of breath, and the symptoms are believed to appear between 2 and 14 days after exposure to the illness.

The City and neighboring communities are following the Marathon County Health Department's protocols along with the Center for Diseases' (CDC) recommendations. Further information will follow next week outlining the plans local municipalities will implement if employees show signs of the virus and steps we will take regarding the sharing of employees and resources to successfully and safely serve our residents.