



RICE COUNTY

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Update on Lab Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Rice County

Rice County Public Health was notified March 31st by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) of a fourth lab confirmed case of COVID-19 in Rice County. Limited information only indicates that the case is someone in their 20's.

As of April 1st, Minnesota has had 689 lab confirmed cases of COVID-19, with approximately 21,191 tests completed. 30% of cases were related to community transmission in Minnesota. 122 cases have required hospitalization and there have been 17 deaths.

The "Stay Home and Limit Movement" order which went into effect March 28th will help reduce contact by 80% and help push out the rate of infection. This mitigation measure along with others are for the health and safety of everyone, to help slow the spread of infectious disease and place less demand on the health care sector so the most seriously ill people get the supportive care they need.

It is very important for those who are sick with respiratory symptoms or fever, and who feel they can manage their symptoms to stay at home for 7 days after illness onset, or 72 hours after resolution of the fever, whichever is longer. If you are older or have underlying medical conditions, it may be helpful to let your health care provider know you are sick. They may have some specific advice for you.

For those who are so ill they need to seek medical attention, call ahead and your medical provider will tell you what to do.

Everyone can work to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- If you are sick, stay home and keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick
- Avoid touching your face
- Maintain 6 foot distancing whenever possible
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds
- Cover your coughs and sneezes

Minnesotans, stay home.

The most up to date information about COVID-19 can be found on the MDH and CDC websites:

CDC website on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19):

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Minnesota Department of Health - Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19):

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>

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