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Health officials confirm second case of COVID-19 in Itasca County

A second presumptively positive case of COVID-19 (coronavirus) has been identified in Itasca County.

"COVID-19 cases can cause mild or moderate symptoms in some; however can cause severe illness in others, especially the elderly or persons with underlying health conditions." said Kelly Chandler, Itasca County Public Health Division Manager. "We encourage our community members to follow Governor Walz's directive to stay at home to prevent further spread of COVID-19. Future identified COVID-19 cases in Itasca County will be confirmed on the Minnesota Department of Health website under the coronavirus situation update."

"We have known that COVID-19 has been in the area for a while, and we suspect that it is not going away anytime soon," says Dr. Patty Carlin-Janssen, Itasca County Public Health Medical Director and Family Medicine Physician at Grand Itasca. "Our community is at an advantage because our schools and restaurants closed prior to our first confirmed case. Please keep doing what you're doing by staying home and limiting contact with others as well as practicing good hand hygiene. It will take all of us to get through this."

Information on COVID-19 can be found on websites including [Itasca County Public Health](http://www.co.itasca.mn.us), the [Minnesota Department of Health](http://www.health.state.mn.us), or the [Centers for Disease Control](http://www.cdc.gov). The public may also call Itasca County Public Health's COVID-19 information phone line at (218) 327-6784 Monday through Friday 8:00AM to 4:30PM or the Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline at 651-201-3920.