



SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

*Division of Public Health
Health and Human Services Department*

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May 8th, 2020

Re: Sheboygan County Facility-Wide Public Health Investigations

On Friday May 8th, 2020, Sheboygan County Division of Public Health was deeply saddened to be informed that one of Sheboygan County's positive COVID-19 cases has passed away. This individual is associated with the assisted living facility from our [May 4th Release](#). "While we continue to fight together against COVID19, our thoughts go out to the family and loved ones of the individual who has passed" said Public Health Officer Starrlene Grossman.

Currently there are no active COVID-19 cases associated with any long term care facility in Sheboygan County. Public Health continues to monitor facilities' that have had positive cases in staff or residents. The investigation is deemed to be "completed" when all cases have recovered and 28 days have passed without another positive case associated with the facility. These facilities' will also remain on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services [Facility-Wide Public Health Investigations](#) page until the investigation has been completed.

Facilities are being monitored in this way because COVID-19 is particularly dangerous for older individuals or those with compromised immune systems. Because of their higher risk for complications, public health is committed to prompt and thorough mitigation strategies. This is done through testing residents and staff, conducting contact tracing to see who may have been exposed, isolating sick individuals and quarantining those who have been exposed. Doing this as soon as even one infected individual is identified helps us minimize exposure by others and to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

To help protect vulnerable individuals, community members should be monitoring themselves for symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat) and isolating themselves from others as soon as they develop these symptoms. Because we have community spread, social distancing is critically important. Public Health urges everyone in our community to practice social distancing and stay home as much as possible in order to save lives.

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