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Wayne County (Lyons, NY) - Wayne County Public Health is confirming it has received notification that a Wayne County resident undergoing short-stay rehabilitation at DeMay Living Center has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is currently being isolated at Newark-Wayne Community Hospital and monitored by Wayne County Public Health. Health Department staff is conducting routine tracing of the patient's contacts. DeMay Living Center and Newark-Wayne Community Hospital have been following, and will continue to follow, the New York State Department of Health's guidelines to keep patients, residents and staff safe. The symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath. If you develop these symptoms after being in close contact with a confirmed case or after traveling to an affected area call your healthcare provider.

Wayne County Public Health is encouraging all residents to take the following actions to reduce the spread of COVID-19;

- If you have symptoms such as cough, fever, or shortness of breath, call your health care provider.
- Wash your hands often with warm water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are unavailable, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are ill.
- Stay home if you are ill.
- Do not return to work or school until you have been fever free for 24 hours without medication.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash, or cough or sneeze into the inside of your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as faucet handles, door knobs and other commonly touched surfaces.
- Get your flu shot. Although the flu shot will not protect you from COVID-19, it will help prevent the flu which has similar symptoms to this coronavirus.

We are encouraging members of the public to have a plan in place should they have to stay at home for an extended period of time due to illness or caregiving. The following are actions you can take to prepare in case you or a loved one needs to stay home.

- Ensure you have an adequate supply of essentials and other items that may provide you comfort.
- Ensure you have adequate amounts of prescription medications and over the counter medications such as cold and cough medicine, fever reducers, cough drops and vitamins.
- Have a supply of food and water so you do not have to go to the grocery store.
- Have a supply of infant formula and baby food if you have an infant at home.
- Pet food, pet medications, and cat litter.

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To slow the spread of the virus, the CDC, federal, state and local governments are encouraging social distancing, including:

- Work or engage in schooling from home whenever possible.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
- Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips, and social visits.

For 24/7 GENERAL information on the Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19)
NYSDOH COVID-19 hotline at 1-888-364-3065

For WAYNE COUNTY SPECIFIC information on the Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19)

Please email wcph@co.wayne.ny.us

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*****Beginning 3/20 you can call the Wayne County Public Health Hotline at 315-946-5700*****

Calls before 3/20 can be made to 315-946-5749

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>
<https://health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus>