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### **Madison County Health Department in Touch with Colgate after Out of State Student Tests Positive**

**Wampsville, NY** – Madison County Health Department has been in touch with Colgate University regarding a student who tested positive for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The student is not a Madison County resident and is in their home state. While at Colgate University the student was living off campus in a private house. They tested positive after being in their home state. Madison County continues to have zero positive tests.

The Madison County Health Department is aware that this student tested positive and we are in touch with individuals who may have been in contact with the student before they left the state. Individuals who are confirmed to have been in contact will self-quarantine for 14 days after last contact. Those individuals will be tested and monitored.

“We are closely monitoring the situation,” said Madison County Public Health Director Eric Faisst. “We understand that this will heighten the concern of many of our residents but at this time the risk to the general public is still considered low.”

“This is a great time to remind everyone we are asking for your help to make sure that emergency department treatment remains available for people who truly need it,” Faisst said. “In addition to caring for people with severe illnesses, local hospitals still have to manage their regular patient caseload.”

Most people experience mild illness and recover from COVID-19 without needing medical treatment.

If you become sick, please stay at home and hold off on trips to public places and events until you are well. Faisst urges those who are NOT seriously ill to avoid hospital emergency departments, but instead contact their primary care doctor or health clinic. You can also call the 24 hour a day Upstate University Hospital COVID-19 triage number at 315-464-3979.

**Call your doctor right away or get emergency care in the event of severe or worsening illness.**



People who have conditions that may result in more severe illness from COVID-19 should call their health care provider if they have symptoms of COVID-19. These people include women who are pregnant, older adults, and persons of any age who have a preexisting medical condition.

Unless you have been given specific instructions from the Health Department or a Healthcare provider, you should go about your daily lives, but take certain precautions:

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands).
- Wash hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- If you feel sick, stay home.
- Should you become ill, contact your doctor first before visiting their office to make arrangements for care.
- If you are well you do NOT need to wear a facemask. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms to prevent the spread of the disease or by health care providers.

**Stay informed.**

For more information about the novel Coronavirus, visit Madison County at <https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/2479/Coronavirus-COVID-19>, call the New York State Coronavirus Hotline 1-888-364-3065, and visit CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

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