The South Milwaukee/St. Francis Health Department has become aware that an individual residing in South Milwaukee has tested positive for the novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19). It is the city’s first positive case.

Following private testing, the individual returned directly home and has remained under isolation.

To prevent the spread of illness, the South Milwaukee/St. Francis Health Department is conducting a contact investigation to identify and follow up with any individual who had close contact with this person. Close contacts will be monitored by local public health department staff, do daily symptom and temperature checks, and self-quarantine.

To minimize the spread of illness, the State of Wisconsin is issuing a “Stay at Home” order. Additionally, South Milwaukee/St. Francis Health Department recommends steps everyone can take to stay healthy. These include washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, staying home when sick, and coughing or sneezing into a disposable tissue or their elbow.

There are numerous resources on the CDC and Department of Health Services websites to help combat the coronavirus. Seek advice from your health care professional if you develop symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath).

Additional information on South Milwaukee’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic can be found on the City of South Milwaukee website and Facebook page.

Milwaukee County is also updating the number and location of positive cases here.