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Appleton International Airport

Traveler with Confirmed Coronavirus (COVID-19) Passed Through Appleton Airport

APPLETON Wis. (March 17, 2020) – Outagamie County Public Health (OCPH) has notified Appleton International Airport (ATW), that the individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19, or coronavirus, in Outagamie County, traveled through ATW on the morning of March 9. The patient is isolated and OCPH has reached out to individuals who have been identified as having close contacts with the patient.

“We take health concerns seriously and follow the guidance provided by public health officials at the federal, state, and local levels,” said Abe Weber, Airport Director. “Travelers and airport employees should be aware that we are taking all precautionary steps necessary to ensure a safe environment in our airport.”

In addition to the airport’s normal cleaning protocol, additional measures include:

- Increased cleaning of the entire airport, with a focus on touch points such as handrails and door handles, with a germicidal agent that kills all coronaviruses and is outlined in CDC recommendations for cleaning and disinfection.
- ATW airline team members have increased cleaning, including check-in kiosks and counters.
- TSA team is regularly disinfecting all customer contact surfaces.
- Additional hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed throughout the terminal and around the checkpoint.

Public health officials recommend good personal hygiene and frequent hand washing as the best way to prevent illness. In addition, they recommend:

- Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the restroom, before eating and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- If you cough, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Stay home unless it is essential that you go out.

For the most recent updates please visit

<https://www.outagamie.org/government/f-through-m/health-human-services/public-health>

Additional information is available at the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov>