This is an update on the activities of the Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) related to the novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) now named COVID-19. WCHD continues to be in Incident Command to prepare and respond. This continues to be an evolving situation.

**SURVEILLANCE and INFORMATION TO HEALTHCARE PROVIDER COMMUNITY**
There have been **NO CASES** confirmed in Winnebago County and there have been no new cases identified in the state of Illinois since February 21, 2020.

Tables Omitted.

WCHD initiated daily update calls beginning February 24, 2020 with units of local government, transportation, public housing, education, emergency services, first responders, law enforcement, court system, and correctional facilities to provide updates on disease activity, key messages, and review of pandemic response planning. These calls were initiated to help review and prepare Winnebago County for community transmission (spread of the virus without a known risk factor of relevant travel history or exposure to another known patient with COVID-19).

**MEDIA INQUIRIES**

The regional Public Information Group comprised of Communication Directors/Public Information Officers from entities within Winnebago County has been activated to provide local messaging and respond to media inquiries. If you receive a media inquiry, please refer them to the Winnebago County Joint Information Center (JIC) at 815.720.4213.

**INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC**

The general public with questions regarding COVID-19 should be referred to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV. This ensures consistent responses across the state.

Please do not hesitate to contact WCHD with any questions.