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## **Joint Press Announcement**

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**For Immediate Release:** Possible COVID-19 Exposure at Our Savior's Catholic Church in Mosinee on August 30<sup>th</sup>

The Marathon County Health Department have received notification of an individual who recently tested positive for COVID-19 who attended mass during their infectious period. The 10:30AM church service was held at Our Savior's Catholic Church - located at 804 Jackson Street in Mosinee - on August 30, 2020. Marathon County Health Department is releasing this statement as there were attendees who may have had close contact to the ill individual and are unable to be identified.

The Marathon County Health Department is encouraging everyone who was present at the 10:30AM mass on August 30<sup>th</sup> to monitor for symptoms through September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Common COVID-19 symptoms include: fever or chills, cough, and shortness of breath. In the event that symptoms do develop, please contact your health care provider for testing.

"The community's health and safety is our number one priority and we are working closely with Our Savior's Catholic Church leadership to get information out to its congregants," states Joan Theurer, Marathon County Health Officer.

"We have done our best to keep our congregation safe and will continue to do so," said Father Marion Talaga. "We are praying for the family during this hardship." Church services will resume as regularly scheduled this weekend.

To ensure the privacy of the individual, the Marathon County Health Department will not provide further information regarding the identity of the individual who tested positive for COVID-19.

The Marathon County Health Department is encouraging everyone to watch your distance, wear a face covering when in public and unable to social distance, wash your hands, avoid large gatherings, and stay home if you feel sick.

*This situation continues to evolve rapidly. For the latest information, visit the CDC's coronavirus website, the [Wisconsin Department of Health Services website](#), or the [Marathon County Health Department](#) webpage or follow us on [Facebook](#).*

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