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Pointer Families and Staff --

As you may have seen on the news, Iowa County confirmed its first positive COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) case last evening (March 23).

To read the official release from the Iowa County Health Department with additional details, please visit: <https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/COVID-19>

A message from Dr. Sarah Fox: "This positive test is not surprising, and it confirms what we in the medical community have suspected - that this virus has been circulating in Iowa County, likely for the last couple of weeks. Our actions as a community (to close schools, limit restaurants, and practice aggressive social distancing), are the actions that will slow the spread of this virus. It is incredibly important for people to understand that any reduction in the spread of this virus will be because of individual and community efforts, not because of what we are able to do as a medical community. We as a medical community ask that our community follow Governor Evers' executive orders to stay home - to protect yourself and the rest of the community. Controlling the spread of this early in the outbreak will limit the strain on our local healthcare system and will undoubtedly save lives. We are so appreciative of our community for taking these social distancing measures seriously!" Dr. Fox has also been issuing regular Iowa County updates on her facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/dr.sarah.fox>

A reminder that we are updating our school COVID-19 webpage as warranted: <https://mineralpointschools.org/coronavirus-covid-19-information/>

Please continue to practice good hygiene and strict social distancing.

Stay safe and healthy, Pointer Nation.