

Wisconsin reports first COVID-19 deaths; Barrett in self-quarantine

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The state has recorded three deaths due to the coronavirus.

The deaths include a Fond du Lac County man in his 50s, a Milwaukee man in his 60s and an Ozaukee County man in his 90s.

Gov. Tony Evers announced the Fond du Lac and Ozaukee County deaths last night, offering his sympathies to their loved ones and all who are suffering from the virus. While media reported the Milwaukee death this morning.

Evers' release didn't include details of how the men contracted the virus or when they first tested positive.

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DHS has so far confirmed 155 cases in the state since last month. The counties with the most positive cases are: Milwaukee (62); Dane (27); Fond du Lac (14); and Waukesha (12).

"We are committed to fighting the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, and I want to recognize the hard work and bravery of our nurses, doctors, state health officials, and all those on the front lines in the effort to save lives," Evers said. "Together we will get through this historic health challenge."

According to the release, the state is prioritizing the critically ill and healthcare workers for coronavirus testing due to "a shortage of ingredients needed to run the tests."

See the release:

<https://www.wispolitics.com/2020/gov-evers-confirms-two-covid-19-deaths-in-wiscon>

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Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett is in self-quarantine after coming into contact with someone who tested positive for the coronavirus, he said in a statement last night.

“I have consulted with public health officials and they have recommended 14 days of self-quarantine and therefore that’s what I will be doing,” Barrett said.

Barrett said he is self-isolating and will continue working from home.

“In an effort to maintain social distancing the last several days, I have been continuing my duties and responsibilities by teleconference and videoconference and I expect to do the same during this time of self-quarantine,” he said.

See links to state and national coronavirus resources here:

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