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Surry County Reports First Death Related to COVID-19

Surry County Health and Nutrition Center is reporting the first COVID-19 associated death in Surry County.

The individual died on May 1, 2020 from complications associated with the virus. The patient was in their late sixties and had several underlying medical conditions. To protect the families' privacy, no further information about this patient will be released.

Samantha Ange, Surry County Health Director states, "We are saddened to learn of our first COVID-19 related death in Surry County. Our hearts go out to the family during this difficult time. We are working tirelessly to educate and empower our Surry County citizens to follow guidance from CDC and NC DHHS on protecting themselves and loved ones by following all guidance and recommendations."

Surry County Health and Nutrition Center would like to remind everyone to:

- Practice social distancing by limiting close contact with others. Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your cough and sneezes with a tissue and dispose of the tissue.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily (e.g., tables, countertops, cell phones, computers, light switches, doorknobs, and handles) using a household detergent and water.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, and if your hands are not visibly dirty use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Wear cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies).

To stay up to date on COVID-19 in North Carolina, visit ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus or text COVIDNC to 898211. Call 2-1-1 (or 888-892-1162) for general questions or for help finding human services resources in your community.