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## **Surry County Reports Fourth Death Related to COVID-19**

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

The individual died on July 16, 2020 from complications associated with the COVID-19. The patient was in their eighties and had underlying medical conditions. To protect the families' privacy, no further information about this patient will be released.

"It is with sorrow that Public Health is sharing another loss to our community and I extend my deepest sympathy to the family and friends of this individual," said Surry County Health Director Samantha Ange. "We can protect one another, and those at risk of serious illness by doing our part and following protective measures. I urge our residents to think of your neighbors, friends, family, and fellow community members by wearing face coverings, staying six feet from others in public, and washing your hands thoroughly and often."

Surry County is currently experiencing widespread community transmission, and it is imperative that residents and visitors continue to take the threat of COVID-19 seriously and watch out for one another through actions and decisions in moving forward. Surry County Health and Nutrition Center would like to remind everyone to practice the 3 Ws: Wear, Wait, Wash.

- Wear a cloth face covering when in public.
- Wait at least 6 feet from others. Avoid crowded settings.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.

To stay up to date on COVID-19 in North Carolina, visit [ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus](https://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.