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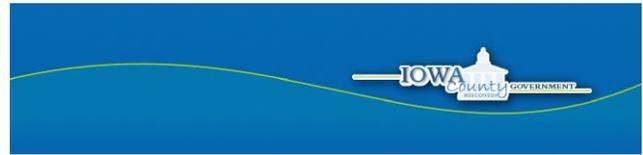
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### Iowa County Health Department Announces the Death of an Iowa County Resident Testing Positive for COVID-19

*Iowa County* – It is with great sadness that the Iowa County Health Department announces its first death of a county resident who tested positive for COVID-19. The individual was over the age of 65 years.

"We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones during this time of sadness and great loss" said Debbie Siegenthaler, Director/Health Officer with the Health Department.

The Health Department continues to work with state and local partners to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to help protect the health and safety of Iowa County residents. The message continues to be very straight forward… we all play a part in stopping the spread, so please be part of the solution.  Don't go to crowds and don't create crowds. Mask up, keep your social circles small and outside, practice social distancing and wash your hands often.

"Every person and every practice is important and helps us and the entire community with our goals", Siegenthaler added. "This virus is real and it can be deadly. Everything matters. The better we do our part in protecting ourselves and others, the better our outcomes will be.  We will get through this together."

 A vital message to residents who are high risk (60 years and older or have a chronic medical condition or compromised immune status)… please take extra precautions to reduce your exposure.

### Important Sources of Information

- **Wisconsin** Department of Health Services (DHS) https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm
- **Iowa County COVID-19 website**.  https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/COVID-19
- Upland Hills Health https://www.uplandhillshealth.org/patient-visitors/covid-19/
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
- **211 Wisconsin** iSimply call 211 from your phone  https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/

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Upland Hills Health on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/UplandHillsHealthHospital/
Iowa County Emergency Management on Twitter - https://twitter.com/ICEMWI
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