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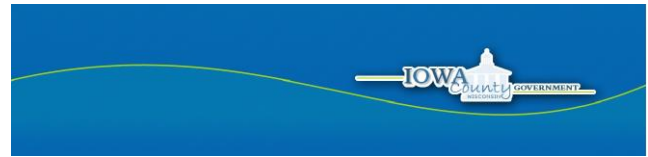
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Iowa County Health Department Announces the Third Death of An Iowa County Resident Testing Positive for COVID-19

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

"We are sad to report the death of a third Iowa County resident. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones during this time of 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. Each of us play a critical role in stopping the spread. Vigilance is paramount in helping our community. 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.

"No matter what your age, race, health or gender, you are not immune to COVID-19. Anyone can contract the virus. 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. Every action matters. The better we each 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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Iowa County Public Health on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/iowacountyhealthdepartment/
Upland Hills Health on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/UplandHillsHealthHospital/
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