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Second COVID-19 Death Confirmed in Muscatine County

The Muscatine County Department of Public Health today announced the second death associated with novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the county. The individual's age range was 61-80 years old.

“We wish to extend our sympathy to this individual’s family,” said Muscatine County Public Health Director Christy Roby Williams. “Muscatine County Public Health Department and all of our key partners throughout the county and state continue to work endless hours to reduce the spread and impact of this virus in our communities.”

In order to assist in reducing the spread of COVID-19, all residents should:

- Stay home as much as possible.
- Leave only for essential employment and obtaining necessities such as groceries or medication (check your local communities for delivery options).
- When you must run errands for household/health supplies, send only one person from the home, if possible. If they can wear a homemade mask it may serve as an additional barrier to prevent the spread.
- Upon returning home for any essential necessities, remove shoes at the door and wash hand thoroughly for at least 20 seconds.
- Stay home when even **mildly ill** (the kind of illness that normally wouldn't prevent you from your everyday activities).
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow/upper arm.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Thoroughly clean commonly touched surfaces in your home.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19, visit the IDPH webpage at <https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus> and follow the department on Facebook at @IowaDepartmentOfPublicHealth and on Twitter at @IAPublicHealth.

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