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First Reported COVID-19 Death – LINCOLN COUNTY, NC

Lincolnton, NC –

The Lincoln County Health Department is confirming the first death associated with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) in Lincoln County. Lincoln County Health Department was alerted to the death on Wednesday, June 17. The individual was in their 80's and had previous underlying health conditions. The person did not live in a long term care facility. To respect the family's privacy, no further information will be released about this patient at this time.

"I am very saddened by the loss of one of our community members. We knew this was a possibility, but were hopeful this day would never come," Lincoln County Health Director Davin Madden said. "This tragic situation emphasizes the importance of doing your part to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community by wearing a cloth face covering while in public, washing your hands frequently, and maintaining a social distance of 6 feet when possible."

The Lincoln County Health Department and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners wants to extend our condolences to the family during this difficult time.

COVID-19 RESOURCES IN LINCOLN COUNTY
- Lincoln County Health Department triage line, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm: 704-736-8510.
- Atrium Health triage line, 24/7: 704-512-5700
- Novant Health triage line, 24/7: 877-499-1697
- For assistance during COVID-19, Dial 211 or 888-892-1162, or Text COVIDNC to 898211
- For a COVID-19 Lincoln County Resource Guide, visit https://bit.ly/3bAeAbf
- If you are feeling stressed or overwhelmed due to COVID-19 and would like to talk to a counselor, call the free and confidential Hope4NC Helpline at **1-855-587-3463**.
- To sign up to receive Citizen Alerts about emergencies or other important community news, visit https://bit.ly/2XKYx5U

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