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Carteret County COVID-19 Resident Death Related to COVID-19 Press Release #77

Carteret County, NC – Carteret County Health Department regrets to inform that the County received a report of a confirmed COVID-19 death of a Carteret County resident. The individual died October 16, 2020 from complication associated with the COVID-19 virus. The resident was in their 50s and had preexisting health conditions. To protect the family’s privacy, no further information about this patient will be released.

“The Health Department sends our condolences to the family and loved ones of this resident.” stated Health Director, Stephanie Cannon. The Health Department encourages all residents to follow the 3Ws as a prevention measure to help slow the spread of COVID:

1. **W**ear a mask/face covering:
 - a. How to safely wear a face covering: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/cloth-face-covering.pdf>
 - b. How to select a face covering that will give you the most protection: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>
2. **W**ait six feet from others:
 - a. Tips for social distancing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>
3. **W**ash your hands:
 - a. Tips for hand hygiene: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
 - b. If soap/water is not available, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol is acceptable.

Health care providers in our area continue to test individuals suspected of COVID-19, even those without symptoms. Please contact your medical provider or visit <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/about-covid-19/testing> for testing locations in our area.

For more information about COVID-19 in Carteret County, please call the Citizens Inquiry Hotline at 252-726-7060, Monday – Friday from 8 am to 5 pm.

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