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14th COVID-19 Death Reported for Moore County

On June 26th, the Moore County Health Department was notified of the death of a Moore County resident whose death was determined to be related to COVID-19 infection. The individual was a white male over age 65 who passed away on June 24th.

Today's reported death brings Moore County's total to fourteen deaths that have been attributed to COVID-19 thus far. It is the sixth death in Moore County linked to community spread. Moore County's other eight COVID-19 deaths were linked to outbreaks at long-term care facilities, Pinehurst Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center (6 deaths) and Fox Hollow (2 deaths).

COVID-19 deaths include people who have had a positive laboratory test for COVID-19, who died without fully recovering from COVID-19 and who had no alternative cause of death identified. Deaths are reported by hospitals and clinicians directly to the local and state health departments.

In total, there have been 418 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Moore County to date. To protect privacy, no further information about the individuals who have tested positive will be shared by the Health Department.

Moore County Health Department staff are monitoring individuals who have tested positive and will follow up with anyone who is identified as a close contact. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines "close contact" as being within six feet for 10 minutes or more.

The Moore County Health Department continues to encourage everyone to "**Know Their W's**" and continue to exercise caution when out in public:

Wear a cloth face covering if you will be around other people

Wait six feet apart and avoid close contact

Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer

In addition to these measures, everyone is urged to continue to adhere to the following guidelines:

"To Protect and Promote Health through Prevention and Control of Disease and Injury."
http://www.moorecountync.gov/health/

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- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home, especially if you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve/elbow or with a tissue and be sure to throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Under Executive Order 147, North Carolina remains in Safer At Home Phase 2 of lifting COVID-19 restrictions until Friday, July 17th. People are also required, with some exceptions, to wear face coverings while out in public when physical distancing of 6 feet is not possible. This face covering mandate is effective at 5PM on June 26th. More information on the phase 2 extension including guidance on face coverings can be found here: https://www.nc.gov/covid-19/staying-ahead-curve/phase-2-extension-faqs

Instructions on how to create and wear your own cloth face covering can be found here: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/DIY-cloth-face-covering-instructions.pdf

NCDHHS has a **"Check My Symptoms"** tool that can help determine if you're recommended to be tested for COVID-19. That tool can be found at https://ncdhhs-covid19-dtra.powerappsportals.us/. If you are a person who needs testing, you can use the **"Test Site Finder"** application to help locate a testing site near you. That application can be found at https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/about-covid-19/testing/find-my-testing-place.

Moore County's Coronavirus (COVID-19) Dashboard can be found here: https://moorecounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/4c11e5bf79b64a6e9c8377d5129cc97c

For more information about coronavirus and Moore County's response, please visit www.moorecountync.gov/health, find us on Facebook (Moore County Health Department), and follow us on Twitter (@mocohealth).

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