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Two New COVID-19 Deaths Reported for Moore County, Total Now Stands at 40

On October 20th, the Moore County Health Department was notified of the deaths of two Moore County residents whose deaths were determined to be related to COVID-19 infection. Both individuals were residents of Peak Resources Pinelake (801 Pinehurst Ave., Carthage). The ages, races, ethnicities, and dates of death for the individuals are as follows:

- A Non-Hispanic American Indian/Alaska Native Male over the age of 75 who passed away on October 6th.
- A Non-Hispanic American Indian/Alaska Native Female in the 65-74 age range who passed away on October 18th.

A total of forty deaths have been attributed to COVID-19 thus far in Moore County. Moore County's total for COVID-19 deaths linked to outbreaks in long-term care facilities now stands at twenty-four. Moore County's sixteen other COVID-19 deaths have been linked to community spread.

COVID-19 death totals for long-term care facilities in Moore are as follows:
- Pinehurst Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center - 6 deaths
- Accordius Health at Aberdeen - 6 deaths
- Seven Lakes Assisted Living & Memory Care - 4 deaths
- Peak Resources Pinelake - 3 deaths
- Fox Hollow - 2 deaths
- Quail Haven Village - 1 death
- Elmcroft - 1 death
- Magnolia Gardens - 1 death

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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 local and state health departments.

In total, there have been 2,138 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, and **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:
- 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.

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.

NCDHHS also recently launched a COVID-19 Exposure Notification app called '**SlowCOVIDNC**'. The app will help North Carolinians slow the spread of the virus by alerting them when they may have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

To learn more about **SlowCOVIDNC** and to download the app, visit https://www.covid19.ncdhhs.gov/slowcovidnc. The app is completely anonymous and does not collect, store or share personal information or location data.

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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