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New COVID-19 Death Reported for Moore County

On August 18th, 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 Hispanic male in the 50-64 age range who passed away on August 15th.

A total of twenty-one deaths have now been attributed to COVID-19 thus far in Moore County. Today's reported death is the ninth COVID-19 death in Moore that has been linked to community spread. Moore County's twelve other COVID-19 deaths have been linked to outbreaks at long-term care facilities: Pinehurst Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center (6 deaths), Seven Lakes Assisted Living & Memory Care (4 deaths), and Fox Hollow (2 deaths). Moore County's last reported COVID-19 death occurred on July 24th.

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 1,104 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:

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

- 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.

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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