

MEDIA RELEASE

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RE: Genesee County Health Department Reports First COVID-19 Deaths

The Genesee County Health Department is reporting two (2) local deaths attributed to COVID-19 that occurred today. Both individuals were elderly males who were hospitalized with underlying health conditions.

“Our heartfelt condolences go out to the families who have lost their loved ones,” said John McKellar, Genesee County Health Officer. “These tragic deaths are an urgent reminder to all of us that we must act now and act together to protect everyone’s health during this time of national crisis.”

Strong community mitigation and prevention measures are already in place in our State. The Genesee County Health Department recommends that all residents:

- **Stay at home** - Do not leave home except for essential tasks such as getting groceries or seeking medical care.
- **If you are out, stay at least 6 feet away from others** and avoid any gatherings.
- **Wash your hands** often and well, especially after being away from home.
- **Do not touch your face, mouth or eyes**, especially when out.
- **Cover coughs and sneezes.**

Everyone should be following the above guidance. There is evidence of community spread of COVID-19 locally. Everyone needs to take precautions, practice prevention, and assume potential exposure in public locations.



The Genesee County Health Department continues to provide the latest information at www.gchd.us. Michigan updates are available at www.michigan.gov/coronavirus, and national updates are at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus. Please rely on these official sources for information.

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