



Waukesha County

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WAUKESHA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ANNOUNCES FIRST RESIDENT DEATH DUE TO COVID-19

(WAUKESHA, WI) – Waukesha County Public Health today confirmed the first resident death due to COVID-19. The individual was an 85-year-old female from Pewaukee.

“I want to give my sincere condolences to the loved ones of the individual who passed away today,” said Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow. “I want the family and residents to know that throughout this pandemic Waukesha County Public Health and Waukesha County government have done everything possible to mitigate the spread of this virus in the community, and we will continue to do so. Every individual can help with that goal by following the Safer at Home order, social distancing, and practicing good hygiene.”

As of March 31, Waukesha County has 105 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Updated numbers of positive cases per county and locations where community spread is being seen are updated on the Department of Health Services ([DHS](#)) [Outbreaks website daily at 2 p.m.](#)

Waukesha County Public Health is working diligently to manage the impact this pandemic is having in Waukesha County. Staff is working closely alongside local, state, and federal partners to quickly and effectively respond to cases, contacts, and emerging situations. The Waukesha Emergency Operations Center is activated at level 1, its highest level, in order to enhance this community response to COVID-19. DHS recommends several strategies for the public to limit the spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2:

- Frequent and thorough handwashing with soap and water.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Stay home if you can and especially when you are sick.
- Practice social distancing by staying six feet away from people you don't live with.
- [Learn about precautions for high risk and elderly individuals.](#)

This is a rapidly evolving situation. For the latest information, visit the [CDC's website](#), the [DHS](#) website, or the Waukesha County coronavirus webpage at: www.waukeshacounty.gov/COVID19.

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