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From: April Loeffler, Health Officer/Public Health Supervisor

Buffalo County Public Health Reports First Death Related to COVID-19

Sadly, Buffalo County Public Health received notification of our first resident death due to complications of COVID-19. This individual was in their 80's and had underlying health conditions. Our Public Health team has followed up with everyone who had close contact with this individual. Out of respect for the privacy of the individual and their family, we will not be disclosing any additional information.

"Public Health sends our deepest condolences to the family and friends of this individual. We continue to urge Buffalo County Residents to take this virus seriously. The action of simply staying home could save someone's life" –April Loeffler, Health Officer/Public Health Supervisor.

As of April 4, 2020, Buffalo County has 2 lab confirmed COVID-19 cases and 1 death due to COVID-19. Buffalo County Public Health is working diligently to manage the impact this pandemic is having in our county.

Buffalo County Public Health wants residents to know they should not assume that these 2 laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases are the only cases in Buffalo County, nor should they assume that these 2 cases are interconnected. Until widespread testing becomes available, do not assume you can avoid contracting COVID-19 by only avoiding obviously sick people. Continue to practice social distancing and remain 6 feet away from others. According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC), it is possible for people to spread the virus before showing any symptoms of the disease. This is why it is critical that all Buffalo County residents abide by Governor Tony Evers' 'Safer at Home' order and take proper precautions when leaving the house for essential supplies.

For the latest information about COVID-19 in Buffalo County, visit:

<https://www.buffalocounty.com/483/COVID-19-Coronavirus>
<https://www.facebook.com/buffalocountydhhs/?ref=bookmarks>

For resources and general questions:

Text: COVID19 to 211-211

Call: 211

COVID-19 Call Center: 715-831-7425

Visit: <https://www.211wisconsin.org>

Email: covid19@co.buffalo.wi.us

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