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Cleveland County Reports Fifth Death Related to COVID-19

SHELBY, NC – The Cleveland County Health Department is sad to report the fifth death associated with COVID-19 in Cleveland County.

The individual, who passed on June 29, 2020, was in the age range of 50-64 and had multiple underlying health conditions. To protect the family's privacy, no further information about this individual will be released.

"I am deeply saddened to share another member of our community has passed from COVID-19," Cleveland County Health Director Tiffany Hansen said. "My thoughts and prayers are with this individual's family. This is the third COVID-related death in our county in just over a week. As we head into the Independence Day weekend, this is a reminder to protect yourself, your family and your friends. Simple actions such as wearing a cloth face covering, social distancing and washing your hands can save lives."

As of today, there have been a total of three hundred thirty-two (332) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Cleveland County. Of these, seventy-five (75) are currently active, and two hundred fifty-two (252) have completed their isolation period and recovered.

"By practicing the three W's of wearing a cloth face covering, waiting six feet apart, and washing our hands, we can help protect our most vulnerable populations that are at greater risk for more severe symptoms," Cleveland County Deputy Health Director DeShay Oliver said. "Research shows that, when practiced together, these behaviors are effective at helping to prevent the spread of the virus. Even if you aren't personally concerned about contracting the virus, think about the loved ones in your life that you could potentially give it to."

To view the Cleveland County COVID-19 case count update on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, visit www.clevelandcounty.com, click on "County Departments," select "Health Department," and then click on "Coronavirus Information." You can also receive COVID-19

updates by following the Cleveland County Health Department's Facebook page @clevelandcountyhealthdepartment.

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