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COVID-19 Death Confirmed in Winneshiek County

The Winneshiek County Department of Public Health today announced the first death associated with novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the county. The individual was elderly over the age of 80.

“We wish to extend our sympathy to this individual’s family,” said Winneshiek County Public Health Director Krista VandenBrink. “Winneshiek County Public Health and all of our key partners throughout the county and state continue to work to limit the spread and impact of this virus in our communities.”

All residents should:

- Stay home as much as possible;
- Stay home when even mildly ill (the kind of illness that normally wouldn’t prevent you from your everyday activities);
- Avoid and reduce potential large groups gatherings;
- Continue to practice the 6 feet social distancing with members outside of your household;
- Wear masks when outside of your household;
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow/upper arm;
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19, visit the IDPH webpage at <https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus> and follow the department on Facebook at @IowaDepartmentOfPublicHealth and on Twitter at @IAPublicHealth.

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