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### **Morgan County Health Center Reports First COVID-19 Related Death**

It is with deep sorrow the Morgan County Health Center today reports the first death of a Morgan County resident due to COVID-19. No further information will be given to protect the privacy of the family.

Everyone is urged to take preventive actions to prevent the spread of all respiratory viruses. These actions include:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wear a cloth face covering in public.

Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more serious complications from COVID-19. If you think, you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your health care provider for medical advice before showing up.

For more information, visit the DHSS website at [www.health.mo.gov/coronavirus](http://www.health.mo.gov/coronavirus) or the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus). A statewide COVID-19 hotline also operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 877-435-8411.