Allegan County Health Department Reports First COVID-19 Related Death

(Allegan, MI) — With great sadness, the Allegan County Health Department (ACHD) is reporting the County’s first death related to COVID-19. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying health conditions that were likely a contributing factor.

We respect the privacy and confidentiality of the individual and their family. No other information on the individual will be released.

“We send our heartfelt condolences to the grieving family and friends during this time,” said ACHD Health Officer Angelique Joynes, MPH, RN. “This is a tragic reminder of why it is so important for everyone to continue to practice social distancing. We have to work together to protect each other and slow the spread of this virus.”

To date, there are 61 cases of COVID-19 in Allegan County.

As this pandemic continues, we ask all of our residents to take the appropriate precautions. Strong community mitigation and prevention measures are already in place, and we urge residents to continue to follow recommendations:

- Stay at home. Do not go out in public except for essential tasks.
- If you must go out, stay at least 6 feet away from others and avoid any gatherings.
- Wear a face covering while in enclosed public spaces.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Wash your hands frequently for at least twenty seconds.
- Disinfect commonly touched surfaces.
- Check on others. Call your loved ones and neighbors who are most at risk and see how they are doing. If they require something essential, see how you can help.

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For additional information, residents can call the ACHD COVID-19 hotline at (269) 686-4546 or email COVID-19@allegancounty.org. Follow our Facebook page @AlleganCountyHD or visit www.allegancounty.org/health for COVID-19 updates.

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