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Clay County Public Health Center Reports First Death from COVID-19

LIBERTY, Mo. – April 6, 2020 – Clay County Public Health Center is reporting the first death of a Clay County resident due to COVID-19 today. The resident was a 64-year-old female. She tested positive for COVID-19 on March 25, 2020. The case was not travel related.

“It is with great sadness that we announce the first death of a Clay County resident due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Director of Public Health Gary E. Zaborac. “The health department extends our deepest sympathy to her family and friends.”

As of April 6, Clay County has 35 positive confirmed cases of COVID-19. The Kansas City, Missouri Health Department is also reporting an additional 45 positive cases in Clay County area residents, including an additional death.

On March 22, Clay County Public Health Center joined other areas in the region in implementing [stay-at-home orders](#) for all who live and work in Clay County, beginning March 24 and lasting until April 24. In addition to staying at home unless absolutely necessary, the health department continues to urge the public to take other important actions at this time this to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. These actions include washing hands well and often, cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and objects and keeping six feet away from others when outside your home. The CDC also recommends the use of a cloth face cover when in public.

Additionally, if you are sick, you must isolate at home to prevent the spread of germs and only leave to seek medical care. If you experience symptoms such as cough, fever, or other respiratory problems, please call your health care provider or urgent care clinic to receive guidance and arrange a test if appropriate. Do not go to the emergency room unless you are having troubling breathing and need immediate medical attention.

For the latest updates and guidance, please visit clayhealth.com/coronavirus and follow Clay County Public Health Center on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). For general questions about COVID-19, call the Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services hotline at (877) 435-8411 or visit the CDC’s website at coronavirus.gov.

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