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MORGAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS
1st COVID-19 DEATH

The Morgan County Health Department today confirmed the first death of a Morgan County resident related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The adult from Morgan County died at St. Francis Mooresville on March 25, 2020. The person, who was over age 60, had been hospitalized as a COVID-19 patient and also suffered from underlying medical conditions. Patient also tested Flu B positive. No further information about the patient will be released due to privacy laws.

"On behalf of Morgan County, we express our most heartfelt sympathies to the patient's family and friends," said Dr. Paul Broderick, County Health Officer. "This serves as a very unfortunate reminder to us about the importance of staying at home and social distancing. It is our job to come together as a community and do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19 and help protect our most vulnerable community members."

The Morgan County Health Department has been working very closely to identify people who have been in potential contact with people known to have tested positive for coronavirus. They are interviewing affected people and giving instructions on how to protect themselves and others.

The best ways to protect yourself are to wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, avoid touching your face with unwashed hands, avoid close contact with people who are sick, stay home when you're sick, cover your cough or sneeze and clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19. You should only wear a mask if a healthcare professional recommends it. A facemask should be used by people who have COVID-19 and are showing symptoms to protect others from the risk of infection.

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health's COVID-19 website at https://coronavirus.IN.gov for more information, including frequently asked questions about COVID-19.

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