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Rockingham County Reports First Death Related to COVID-19

The individual died on April 1, 2020 from complications associated with the virus. The patient was in their 60's and had several underlying medical conditions. To protect the families' privacy, no further information about this patient will be released.

“Our deepest sympathies are with the family and loved ones at this time. We want to reiterate the importance of citizens staying home until further direction from our government and health leadership”, stated Lance Metzler, Rockingham County Manager.

“My prayers and condolences go out to the family at this difficult time”, stated Susan Young, Rockingham County Interim Health Director.

The Rockingham County Health Department is encouraging the community to adhere to the Governor's mitigation recommendations and Executive Orders.

Individuals who suspect they might be experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should call their primary care provider or urgent care to discuss their symptoms so appropriate steps can be taken to protect themselves and others. We would also like to ask you not to use the hospital's emergency room unless you are experiencing a true medical emergency. If you are experiencing a medical emergency please call 9-1-1.

It is vital that information regarding COVID-19 comes from a reliable source such as the CDC, NC DHHS (ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus or text COVIDNC to 898211), and Rockingham County Health Department (www.myrockinghamcountync.com). Call 2-1-1 (or 888-892-1162) for general questions or for help finding human services resources in your community.

For more information from the Rockingham County Health Department Please visit our website at www.rockinghamcountydhhs.org.