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First COVID-19 Related Death Confirmed in Jessamine County

NICHOLASVILLE, Ky. – The Jessamine County Health Department (JCHD) has received confirmation of the first death of a Jessamine County resident who tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The death occurred in a resident in their 80s who recently tested positive for COVID-19. Reports provided to the Health Department indicate the patient was hospitalized and had severe underlying chronic health conditions, which is a risk factor that puts people at higher risk for a more severe COVID-19 illness. No further details about this patient will be shared to protect patient privacy.

“Our condolences go out to the family and friends of the patient,” said Randy Gooch, Executive Director of JCHD. “Jessamine County remains vigilant in our efforts to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus and will continue to do all we can to protect all of our citizens.”

This local death plus the recent increase in cases across Kentucky and in Jessamine County serve as a reminder of how critically important it is to continue working to protect each other during this outbreak. Everyone can play a role to reduce the spread of illness by practicing social distancing and following simple, every day preventive measures:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Stay home from work, school and community gatherings when you are sick.
- Avoid large gatherings and crowded places.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your elbow, not with your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wear a face mask in public.

JCHD is posting the latest information, guidance for the public and updating case counts daily at www.jessaminehealth.org/covid19.