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Williamson County Confirms First Death Due to COVID-19

Williamson County and Cities Health District (WCCHD) has received notification of the first COVID-19 death in Williamson County.

The resident was a man in his 70s.

“To the family, we are heartbroken for your loss,” said Williamson County Judge Bill Gravell. “To the rest of the community, I emphasize that it is everyone’s responsibility to stay home and stay safe in order to protect our community, our families, and especially the most vulnerable among us.”

“It’s unfortunate that our county has lost one of its residents because of the spread of this virus,” said Dr. Lori Palazzo, local health authority for Williamson County. “Williamson County and the Health District extend their deepest condolences to the patient’s family and friends.”

Privacy protection laws only permit the release of limited patient information. The health department is unable to release any additional patient information.

Investigations conducted by the Williamson County and Cities Health District will identify potential contacts exposed to the virus and provide close contacts guidance about the virus and monitor them for the development of symptoms.

If you have symptoms of respiratory illness including cough, fever and shortness of breath, please contact your health care provider. It is important to call ahead before arriving at a clinic, urgent care or emergency department to avoid potential spread. For more information, visit www.wcchd.org/COVID-19. For information on the county response to COVID-19, go to www.wilco.org/COVID-19.

Additional COVID-19 deaths and cases will be reported on the dashboard located at www.wcchd.org/COVID-19/dashboard.php. The dashboard is updated at noon daily.

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