FIRST RACINE COUNTY COVID-19 DEATH

Friday, April 3, 2020 – The Central Racine County Health Department announced today that a Racine County male in his 70s has died as a result of complications related to COVID-19.

"We are so saddened by this death and our heartfelt condolences go out to the family, friends, and community," said Margaret Gesner, Health Officer for the Central Racine County Health Department. "Our health department continues to work tirelessly and employ all possible resources to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus and its impact on our community."

"Today is a heartbreaking day for all of Racine County. We send our deepest condolences to his family members and friends, and our hearts are with all those who are battling this extremely dangerous disease," Racine County Executive Jonathan Delagrave said. "Racine County continues to fully support public health and other partner agencies to do all we can to combat COVID-19 in our communities, and the Emergency Operations Center and Joint Information Center are providing additional resources."

As of 3 p.m. Friday, April 3, there are 46 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Racine County and 1,916 confirmed cases statewide. "The actual number of cases is much higher," said Gesner. "For every person who tests positive for the disease, there are likely many more people infected with mild symptoms who will not be tested due to current testing capacity. We urge all residents to comply with the 'Safer at Home' order and continue to practice good hygiene to avoid exposure to the COVID-19 virus." At least 37 people have died statewide because of the disease, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

For the latest information on COVID-19 please visit www.racinecounty.com/coronavirus.

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