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Subject: Second COVID-19 Related Death

Second Death of a Kankakee County Resident Positive for COVID-9

Kankakee County Health Department reports a second death of a Kankakee County resident who tested positive for coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The individual was a Bourbonnais resident in his 80's with previous underlying health conditions.

We offer our deepest condolences to the family, friends, and community members affected by this loss. We will continue to work closely with our partners at the county EMA, AMITA Health St. Mary's Hospital, and Riverside Healthcare during these difficult times to reduce the spread and impact of this virus and care for those affected.

Moving forward we will be providing daily updates of confirmed cases and deaths related to COVID-19 on the Kankakee County Health Department website www.kankakeehealth.org.

It is vitally important that community members continue to take the necessary steps to prevent further spread of this virus. Continue to follow social distancing recommendations, "Stay at Home" procedures and other safety measures which include:

- Staying home as much as possible,
- Calling to check on family, neighbors, and older adults instead of visiting,
- Checking with your provider about telehealth options if you feel ill,
- Continuing to use proper hand hygiene,
- Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue or sleeve when sneezing or coughing.

Most importantly stay home if you are sick! Avoid the Emergency Department and other places you seek healthcare if you are not severely ill, unless your doctor advises otherwise. Stay home and keep healthcare access available for others with more severe illness.

For general questions about COVID-19 visit our website at www.kankakeehealth.org or contact the IDPH COVID-19 hotline at 1-800-889-3931 | email dph.sick@illinois.gov.

For the most up to date COVID-19 information for the State of Illinois visit:

IDPH: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>

State of Illinois: Coronavirus.illinois.gov

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