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Cleveland County Reports Fourth Death Related to COVID-19

SHELBY, NC – The Cleveland County Health Department is sad to report the fourth death associated with COVID-19 in Cleveland County.

The individual, who passed on June 27, 2020, was in the age range of 50-64 and had multiple underlying health conditions. To protect the family's privacy, no further information about this individual will be released.

"I am deeply saddened that we have lost yet another Cleveland County resident to COVID-19," Cleveland County Health Director Tiffany Hansen said. "My thoughts and prayers are with this individual's family. This is the second COVID-related death in our county this week. This reinforces how serious this virus truly is and how important it is for all of us to do our part to prevent its spread."

As of today, there have been a total of two hundred seventy-four (274) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Cleveland County. Of these, seventy-one (71) are currently active, and one hundred ninety-nine (199) have completed their isolation period and recovered.

"Similar to the trajectories being monitored for the state of North Carolina, our county trends for number of new confirmed cases, hospitalizations, and deaths continue to move in the wrong direction," Cleveland County Deputy Health Director DeShay Oliver said. "We are all ready for things to return to normal. In order for this to happen, we must all do our part each time we leave home. This means wearing a cloth face covering, waiting six feet apart, and washing our hands. This also means following the Governor's Executive Order on mass gathering limits and business reopening plans. Our actions now play an important role in our ability to move forward later."

To view the Cleveland County COVID-19 case count update on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, visit www.clevelandcounty.com, click on "County Departments," select "Health

Department," and then click on "Coronavirus Information." You can also receive COVID-19 updates by following the Cleveland County Health Department's Facebook page @clevelandcountyhealthdepartment.

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