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Cleveland County Reports Third Death Related to COVID-19

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

The individual, who passed on June 23, 2020, was in the age range of 25-49 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 another member of our community to COVID-19," Cleveland County Health Director Tiffany Hansen said. "My thoughts and prayers are with this individual's family. This reinforces that we must continue to take this virus very seriously."

As of today, there have been a total of two hundred forty-eight (248) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Cleveland County. Of these, seventy (70) are currently active, one hundred seventy-five (175) have completed their isolation period and recovered, and nine (9) are hospitalized.

"The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our county continues to rise on a daily basis," Cleveland County Deputy Health Director Deshay Oliver said. "The virus has become widespread throughout our county, and we are seeing ongoing community transmission. Since moving into Phase 1 and 2 of reopening, things seem to feel more normal, which can lead people to become more relaxed about taking precautions. However, it is more important now than ever to be responsible when leaving our homes by waiting six feet apart, washing our hands, and wearing a cloth face covering or mask. We must maintain the mindset that anyone could have the virus and take appropriate precautions."

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.