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Defiance County General Health District Reports the Second Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Death

May 21, 2020: The Defiance County General Health District (DCGHD) is reporting the death of a hospitalized patient who had tested positive for COVID-19.

The individual was male in his 60's and had underlying health conditions. The case was previously reported by ODH and Defiance County Health Department when it was initially confirmed. We will not release any identifiable information about the patient to respect the family's privacy.

"We are saddened to report the second COVID-19 related death of a fellow Defiance County Resident. Our hearts go out to the family and friends during this time of loss," said Defiance County Health Commissioner, Jamie Gerken. "As Ohio starts to open back up, we encourage everyone to follow precautions to limit the spread of this virus."

To prevent the spread of any virus, including novel coronavirus, practice these preventative measures:

- Practice social distancing by staying 6ft away from others.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your elbow.
- In addition to the preventative steps above, we suggest wearing a cloth face covering when in public.

Defiance County Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Update:

Defiance County COVID-19 updates will be posted to the Defiance County General Health Districts website and social media pages

- **Website:** <http://defiancecohealth.org/coronavirus/>
- **Facebook:** Defiance County Public Health
- **Twitter:** @DCGHD

COVID-19 information is being shared as it becomes available on the following websites:
coronavirus.ohio.gov or www.defiancecohealth.org

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