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**First Todd County COVID-19 Related Death**

As of June 4, 2020, Todd County has 340 lab confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19). Local transmission of the virus is occurring. On June 4, 2020, Todd County received notification of its first COVID-19 related death. The death occurred in a Todd County resident between the ages of 30-39 years, who lived in a private residence.

“Our condolences go out to the family and friends of this individual,” stated Jackie Och, Todd County Health & Human Services director. “This death reminds us how important it is to continue working to protect each other during this outbreak.”

While the majority of people who become infected with the virus will have mild symptoms, all residents need to take the necessary precautions to slow the spread of the virus and protect those in our communities who might be at higher risk of severe illness or death. Individuals most vulnerable to COVID-19 illness and death include those over 65, those living in a long term care facility, and those with underlying health conditions.

Steps that everyone can take to slow the spread of the virus and protect our most vulnerable include:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick, even inside your home.
  - If possible, maintain 6 feet between the person who is sick and other household members.
- Stay at least 6 feet from other people outside of your home and do not gather in large groups. Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering when in public settings.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- Monitor your health and be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

The following COVID-19 hotlines are available to answer questions:

School & Child Care questions	Health questions	Housing questions	Discrimination helpline
651-297-1304	651-201-3920	For single-family residences:	1-833-454-0148
1-800-657-3504	1-800-657-3903	651-296-8215	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Weekdays: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.	For multi-family residences:	Monday-Friday
Weekend: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Seven days a week	651-297-4455	
		8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday	