

# Media Release



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## **First COVID-19 Death in Peoria County**

**Peoria** - The Peoria City/County Health Department and the Peoria County Coroner are reporting the death of a Peoria County resident who tested positive for COVID-19. This event marks the first fatality in Peoria County due to COVID-19.

“On behalf of the whole community, we express our deepest sympathy for the family and loved ones of the patient who died,” said Jamie Harwood, Peoria County Coroner. Harwood reports the person who died was a male in his 90’s.

Monica Hendrickson, Administrator, Peoria City/County Health Department, states, “The health of our residents and the community is our top priority, and we will continue working together to protect the health and safety of the people in our area.”

A press briefing will be held Sunday, April 5, 2020, at 2:00pm at Peoria City/County Health Department, Room 125. To adhere to social distancing, the briefing will be limited to the currently assigned press for the daily briefings.

*As COVID-19 spreads, the focus in our community  
should not be whether you have been exposed  
but rather, assume you have been exposed  
and take measures to decrease the transmission to others.*

Find more local information on the tri-county community response to COVID-19, visit [www.pcchd.org/COVID19](http://www.pcchd.org/COVID19)

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