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### **First COVID-19 Related Death in Vilas County**

Vilas County Public Health Department is confirming the first death in Vilas County associated with COVID-19. The individual was in their 60's and had severe underlying health conditions.

“We are saddened by the loss of one of our community members,” said Laurel Dreger, Vilas County Public Health Department Director and Health Officer. “We extend our sympathies to their loved ones and all impacted.”

COVID-19 can cause serious health complications and death, especially among older adults and people with chronic health conditions, that's why it's important that we all work together to prevent the spread of illness. Simple actions such as washing hands, physical distancing, wearing face coverings, and staying home when sick can have a huge impact on the health and safety of Vilas County. “Preventing COVID-19 requires a community approach. It's important that we continue to take steps to protect one another, especially our most vulnerable,” added Dreger.

For the most up to date information, please visit Vilas County Public Health Department's website at <https://health.vilascountywi.gov/> or the Health Department's Facebook page. You can also visit the CDC's website or the DHS website.

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