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Frederick County Officials Announce First Local Death from COVID-19

FREDERICK, MD (March 31, 2020) – Frederick County Health Department announced today the first death of a Frederick County resident from COVID-19: a woman in her 90s with underlying medical conditions.

"I am deeply saddened to announce this loss," said Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, the Health Officer of the Frederick County Health Department. "We hope that the family will receive support from their friends and neighbors as they share the news of the passing of their family member. We know that many in our community will experience similar losses as more people die from COVID-19. This is a sobering reminder of the risk that this virus poses."

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner added: "I was heartbroken to learn that a member of our community has been taken by the coronavirus. In this time of great uncertainty, we worry about all those who have fallen ill and those who we know are vulnerable. Please stay home to protect everyone in Frederick County and beyond."

All Frederick County residents can call 866-411-6803 to reach the local 211 center with general questions about coronavirus or COVID-19.

For more information on COVID-19 in Frederick County, visit Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/coronavirus.

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