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## Franklin County Announces its First Death from COVID-19

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FRANKLIN COUNTY, KS – The Franklin County Public Health Department is reporting the first death of a Franklin County resident from the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The individual was a male in his 70's who was hospitalized and had no known underlying health concerns. The case had already been investigated by the Health Department for close contacts.

While the vast majority of cases that Franklin County has seen are believed to be relatively mild, Health Department Interim Director, Nick Robbins, urges citizens to take precautions to keep themselves and those around them healthy. “Those that have been given quarantine/isolation orders should take them seriously and not risk the health of others for their personal pleasure,” he mentioned. “This is a tragic loss of life and we extend our sincerest condolences to the family.”

Protecting the health of our community remains a top priority. Franklin County residents should continue to adhere to the following recommendations as much as possible:

- Avoid non-essential trips and stay home to the extent you can.
- Wear a mask in public spaces.
- Continue to socially distance yourself from individuals you do not reside with.
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect surfaces.
- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds several times a day.

For updates and more information go to: [www.franklincoks.org/covid19](http://www.franklincoks.org/covid19) or contact Franklin County Communications Director Kaci Brady – [kbrady@franklincoks.org](mailto:kbrady@franklincoks.org)