

Public Health Press Release

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First COVID-19 Related Death Middletown, Ohio

MIDDLETOWN, OHIO – The City of Middletown Health Department officials announce the first death of a City of Middletown resident who tested positive for novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19.

The first COVID-19 related death in the City of Middletown was a 69 year old African American male. He lived in the 45044 area. The Health Department is not disclosing additional information, citing privacy concerns.

“Our hearts go out to the loved ones in their time of grief, and we send our deepest sympathies.” said Health Commissioner Jackie Phillips.

As we prepare to restart Ohio, be mindful that the COVID-19 virus is still amongst us. The most effective ways to prevent this disease are good hand washing and physical distancing. “Please continue to stay home and wear a mask if you need to get essential services,” stated Phillips. To prevent the spread of any virus including COVID-19, practice these preventative measures:

- If you must go out to obtain essential services, wear a facial cover (mask, bandanna, cloth covering).
- If you are over 65 years old or have underlying health conditions, stay at home.
- Practice social distancing/physical distancing by keeping 6 feet way from others at all times.
- Do not gather in groups of more than 10 people.
- Do not gather with people with whom you do not already share a household.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your elbow.

Ohioans can call the Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 hotline with any questions or visit www.cityofmiddletown.org or coronavirus.ohio.gov. The call center is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

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