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FIRST DEATH ASSOCIATED WITH COVID-19 IN CLALLAM COUNTY

Clallam County, WA — It is with great sadness that the Clallam County Department of Health announces the first death of a Clallam County resident due to COVID-19.

The Clallam County resident was a man in his 80s who had underlying health conditions. “It was very clear from our interactions with this man’s family how deeply he was loved,” said Dr. Allison Berry Unthank, Clallam County Health Officer. “We mourn with them today.”

“As a community, we must stand together against this virus, showing compassion for our friends and neighbors by keeping a safe physical distance, keeping our social circles small, wearing face coverings and washing our hands.”

As of August 14th, 2020, 146 residents of Clallam County have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. 4 have been hospitalized and 1 has died.

People over the age of 65 and those with underlying medical conditions like diabetes, COPD, and heart disease, are at the highest risk of complications from COVID-19. Though less common in younger age groups, severe complications have been documented in patients of all ages.

Clallam County residents are urged to:

- Keep your social circle small – no more than 5 people in a week
- Maintain a safe physical distance of 6 feet from others
- Wear a face covering when you are around others
- Stay home if you are sick
- Get tested right away if you are feeling ill or have been in contact with someone with COVID-19
- Wash your hands frequently
- Clean commonly touched surfaces frequently

Find additional COVID-19 information at [Washington State Department of Health Coronavirus Page](#)

Find local COVID-19 updates at [Clallam County - Coronavirus Information](#)