



BUCHANAN COUNTY COVID-19 DEATH

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A Buchanan County resident who tested positive for COVID-19 has died. The resident, a male in his forties, tested positive for the coronavirus on April 22, and had underlying medical conditions.

With the virus still in the community, residents are reminded that avoiding exposure is the best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and are encouraged to be mindful of the following:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid close contact with others.
- Maintain a six-foot distance between you and others.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if handwashing is not an option.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Wear a face covering when you are out in public.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Follow state and local orders for staying safe.

Older adults and people of any age who have a serious underlying medical condition may be at higher risk for more serious complications from COVID-19. If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and have developed a fever, cough or shortness of breath, please call your medical provider.

The city of St. Joseph call center number is 816.271.4613 and is open Monday-Friday from 8am-9pm to answer questions regarding COVID-19 on a local level. The Division of Health and Senior Services COVID-19 hotline number is 877.435.8411 for information.

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