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Second COVID-19 Death in Columbia County

Portage, WI – A person has died in Columbia County of complications surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19), health officials confirmed today. The death is the second in Columbia County associated with COVID-19.

“We are deeply saddened by the loss of another one of our community members,” said Susan Lorenz, Health Officer for Columbia County. “Our thoughts are with the family and friends.”

To date, 252 people in Columbia County and 61,061 people in Wisconsin have been diagnosed with COVID-19, and there have been 998 deaths in Wisconsin.

Health officials across Wisconsin have seen a surge in cases the last several weeks. Testing and contact tracing efforts continue locally and statewide in an effort to battle the spread of disease.

“We strongly encourage community members to wear face coverings when around others and to practice physical distancing of at least six feet whenever possible. In doing so, you’re not only helping protect yourself, but also your family, friends, neighbors, and fellow community members,” Lorenz said.

In Columbia County, testing for COVID-19 is provided at Aspirus Divine Savior Healthcare in Portage and Prairie Ridge Healthcare in Columbus. A free community testing site is located at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison’

If you have questions or immediate needs related to COVID-19, call 2-1-1 or text COVID-19 to 211-211. For up-to-date-information and weekly situation updates, please visit the Columbia County website at <https://www.co.columbia.wi.us/ColumbiaCounty/>.