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Two more Cape May County Residents have succumbed to Covid-19

Cape May Court House - The Cape May County Department of Health learned today that a 63-year-old female who was a resident of the Borough of Woodbine and a 93-year-old female from Lower Township have passed away due to the coronavirus disease. Currently, the total cases of Covid-19 are now 190, including 12 deaths in Cape May County.

The current Covid-19 case count by municipality is as follows:

<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>ACTIVE CASES</u>	<u>REPORTED TODAY</u>	<u>OFF QUARANTINE</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
AVALON	4		2	
CAPE MAY CITY	1		2	
CAPE MAY POINT	0			
DENNIS TOWNSHIP	8			1
LOWER TOWNSHIP	57		4	9
MIDDLE TOWNSHIP	38	1	3	
NORTH WILDWOOD	3		1	
OCEAN CITY	12		2	
SEA ISLE CITY	0		2	
STONE HARBOR	0			
UPPER TOWNSHIP	13	1	1	1
WEST CAPE MAY	1			
WEST WILDWOOD	1			
WILDWOOD	13	1	1	
WILDWOOD CREST	8			
WOODBINE	1			1
TOTAL ACTIVE	160			
TOTAL RECOVERED			18	
TOTAL DECEASED				12
TOTAL CASES IN CAPE MAY COUNTY	190			

"Our hearts are heavy with the loss of two residents of Cape May County to COVID-19. The thoughts and prayers are with the families during this difficult time," said Freeholder Jeff

Pierson. "I continue to urge all residents to protect their health and the health of others, especially older individuals and those with chronic health conditions who are most at risk. We all have a role to play in limiting the spread of this virus. Additionally, I'd like to thank the first responders, nurses and health care staff who are working very hard and long hours to combat the virus."

"One of the harsh realities of this pandemic is the daily report of lives lost to COVID-19. This report does not diminish our sympathy or our resolve to restore wellness to our community," said Freeholder Director Gerald Thornton. "Taking steps to slow the spread of COVID-19 has asked everyone to do their part. The sacrifices made cannot be counted: some have lost loved ones, some have been ill, some have lost jobs, some have had to temporarily close businesses, some are guiding children through remote learning, and everyone has had to live our day-to-day life very differently than we are used to. Thank you for continuing to do what you're doing – staying home, practicing physical distancing, wearing cloth face coverings, and self-isolating and self-quarantining when necessary. Engaging in these practices is making a real difference."

Public Health reminds everyone that if you are ill, even with mild symptoms, please self-isolate at home for 7 days and until you are fever and symptom free for 72 hours. If you have been in close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is presumed to be infected with COVID-19, you must quarantine for 14 days from your last contact with that individual. Individuals who are elderly, have underlying health conditions or are pregnant may be at higher risk of serious illness and should contact their doctor as soon as they are sick.

Stay up to date on the current situation as it evolves. Some reliable sources are New Jersey Poison Information and Education System hotline at 1-800-222-1222, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov, the World Health Organization at www.who.int, the New Jersey Department of Health at www.nj.gov/health. **For additional information** visit Cape May County Government website www.capemaycountynj.gov and Cape May County Department of Health at www.cmchealth.net, also like us on Facebook.

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