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Death of Individual in Macon County with COVID-19

The Joint Crisis Communication Team regrets to inform you that an eighth Macon County resident with COVID-19 has passed away. This person was a female in her 90s who was a resident at Fair Havens Senior Living long-term care facility. We provide you this update with great sadness and send our heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of this resident. Out of respect for the family and friends of this person, please give them privacy as they grieve the loss of their loved one.

We know many people are feeling stressed and experiencing grief during this challenging time.

Heritage Behavioral Health is providing crisis support to anyone experiencing increased anxiety and/or depression and anyone needing any additional support. Support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week by calling (217) 362-6262.

Central Illinois residents experiencing stress and anxiety related to the COVID-19 pandemic or other issues in their lives can call a free, emotional-support hotline operated by Memorial Behavioral Health. The hotline, (217) 588-5509, operated by trained mental-health professionals, will operate from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, for the foreseeable future.

Veterans experiencing mental stress/anxiety can call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-2738255; have confidential chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net; or text to 838255.

It is imperative that we all consider ourselves at risk for exposure to and contraction of COVID-19. We all have the power to turn our everyday actions into a first line of defense against the contraction and further spread of this virus. We must make sacrifices, however difficult they may be, in the short-term for the benefit of the long-term. Everyone has a role to play.

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