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**Death of Individual in Macon County with COVID-19**

It is with great sadness that the Joint Crisis Communication Team must inform you of the passing of a twelfth Macon County resident with COVID-19. This person was a male in his 60s who was a resident at Fair Havens Senior Living long-term care facility. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of this resident, and we ask that they are given respect and privacy as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

Thus far, the Macon County residents with COVID-19 that have passed away have been in the following age ranges: 2 individuals in their 60s, 2 individuals in their 70s, 6 individuals in their 80s, and 2 individuals in their 90s.

While the majority of COVID-19 cases and residents who have passed in our community have been related to a congregate living facility, it is imperative that the public not have a false sense of security that only congregate living facilities are at risk. There are symptomatic and asymptomatic people in our community that have COVID-19 and could potentially be spreading it to others. That is one reason why it is so incredibly important that preventive measures continue to be taken by all. Any contact with others is an increased risk of exposure and should be limited whenever possible.

All community members, whether feeling ill or well, must implement social distancing best practices to limit the spread and contraction of COVID-19. This means staying home and away from as many people as possible as often as possible. Follow the precautionary measures – thorough and frequent hand washing; using a mask to cover your face in public and congregate settings; self-monitoring your own health condition – at every opportunity.

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