



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### YADKIN COUNTY REPORTS FIRST DEATH RELATED TO COVID-19

The Yadkin County Human Services Agency is reporting the first COVID-19 associated death in Yadkin County.

The individual died on Monday, April 13, 2020 from complications associated with the virus. The patient was in their late sixties. To protect the families' privacy, no further information about the patient will be released.

Kevin Austin, Chairman of the County Commissioners, stated on behalf of the Board that "our heartfelt sympathies go out to the family and friends who mourn the loss of their loved one. "

Most people impacted by COVID-19 have mild symptoms and are able to fully recover at home. Mild symptoms are defined as having fever and cough. Treatment is focused on symptom management. NC DHHS guidance released on March 23, 2020 suggests that people with mild symptoms consistent with COVID-19 do NOT need testing and should be instructed to stay home to recover. Coming out to be tested may spread illness to others in the community, including those with a higher risk of complications. Anyone who develops mild symptoms should check with their doctor and self-isolate at home until it has been at least 7 days since symptom onset and 72 hours since symptom resolves (including no fever without the use of fever reducing medication and improved respiratory symptoms).

CDC and County officials still encourage residents to stay at least six feet away from other people (social distancing), frequent hand washing and other everyday preventive actions including routine cleaning and disinfection. Wearing a cloth face covering is recommended for use when people are in public settings, such as the grocery store or pharmacies. These face coverings are not a substitute for social distancing and proper hand washing. A cloth face covering is not intended to protect the wearer, but it may prevent the spread of virus from the wearer to others.

Residents with general questions about COVID-19 can call NC 2-1-1 by dialing 2-1-1 or 888-892-1162. Residents can also reach the Human Services Agency through the following email: [virusinfo@yadkincountync.gov](mailto:virusinfo@yadkincountync.gov)

More information about COVID-19 can be found at:

- NC DHHS: [www.ncdhhs.gov](http://www.ncdhhs.gov)
- CDC: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- Yadkin County, NC: <https://www.yadkincountync.gov/>

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