Macon County
Public Health

Press Release

Macon County Reports Two Additional Deaths Related to COVID-19

Macon County Public Health received notification that two Macon County residents, over the age of 65 who were diagnosed with COVID-19, have passed away. To protect the privacy of the families, no additional information will be released about these individual. This brings Macon County to eighty-eight (88) deaths related to COVID-19.

"Once again we are faced with the loss of another community member, friend, and loved one. Please keep your thoughts and prayers with these families," said Health Director, Kathy McGaha. McGaha continued, "As we move into winter, and continue holiday get-togethers, remember we can protect ourselves and others in our community by receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. Macon County Public Health has appointments available for the lifesaving vaccine for everyone who is 5 years old and older. The more individuals who get this vaccine, the more likely that we will stop seeing COVID-19 deaths."

Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19; however, anyone of any age can become infected with this illness. Therefore, we ask that community members **strictly follow** the governor's recommendations and continue to practice **social distancing**, as well as safe hygiene measures such as hand washing and frequently cleaning touched objects and surfaces. Everyone who is eligible is encouraged to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, a safe and effective prevention tool.

If you believe that you may have COVID-19, please call the Health Department at 828-349-2081 to schedule an appointment for a test. To register and schedule an appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, please call 828-349-2081.

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