



**BARRON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
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## **Barron County Resident with COVID-19 Passes Away**

Public Health is reporting Barron County's first confirmed death from COVID-19. Please join us in expressing our deepest sympathies to the family, friends and those impacted by this loss of life. The death occurred in a resident who was in their 70s. The individual had underlying conditions. They first became ill on June 19, 2020 and passed away on June 28, 2020. How they got COVID-19 is unknown.

Barron County Public Health wants to remind everyone that COVID-19 is still here. It is in our communities. Physical distancing and other recommendations should be followed to the fullest extent possible. Everyone can do their part to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Please remember:

- Stay home if you are sick
- Wear a cloth face covering when it is hard to keep at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid all non-essential trips
- Wash your hands often with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- Avoid large gatherings such as concerts and festivals
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze
- Avoid touching your face
- If you get sick, call your doctor or hospital before going in
- Businesses are strongly encouraged to follow guidance from the Wisconsin Economic Development Cooperation (WEDC); <https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>

If you have questions about COVID-19 please dial 2-1-1. You can also text COVID-19 to 211-211. For the latest information, follow Barron County Public Health on Facebook or visit the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website.

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