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Additional COVID-19 Deaths in Barron County

Barron County Public Health is reporting additional COVID-19 related deaths. One is an individual in their 80s and another is a resident in their 70s. Both had underlying health conditions. The death of the individual in their 70s was caused by a cardiac event, but COVID-19 is believed to have contributed to the event. The person tested positive and had been experiencing symptoms. After consultation with the medical examiner and Wisconsin State Department of Health Services, the case was ruled a COVID-19 death. These two additional deaths brings the total number of deaths in Barron County to six.

“We are saddened to see more loss in our community. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the friends and families, said Health Officer Laura Sauve. “These deaths reinforce the seriousness of this disease. Without a vaccine and with limited treatment options, preventing the spread of COVID-19 and protecting those most vulnerable is our biggest priority.”

Barron County Public Health urges community members to help to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Stay home if you are experiencing any symptoms and call your doctor to be tested. Keep children home from school with any signs of illness. Wear a cloth mask when in public and wash your hands often. Avoid any unnecessary travel and do not gather with those who do not live in your home. Businesses are strongly encouraged to follow guidance from the Wisconsin Economic Development Cooperation (WEDC) <https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>.

Testing for COVID-19 is available at all local clinics. If you get sick, stay home and call your doctor before going in. Symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

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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