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To All Local Media

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### **Second Erie County, Ohio resident has died from Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

On Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, an Erie County, Ohio resident, a male in his sixties, passed away from complications related to COVID-19. This was Erie County, Ohio's second confirmed death from COVID-19 complications. The death of one of our community members is a reminder to us all to continue to heed the precautions associated with preventing the spread of this disease. According to the CDC older adults, age 65 years and older are at higher risk for severe illness.

The Erie County Health Department will continue to work closely with all partners and continue to work as a unified incident command system to keep Erie County, Ohio as healthy as possible. With this sad news comes heightened awareness of the need to wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, wear a cloth face covering when you are out in public, avoid touching your mouth, nose, and eyes, cover coughs/sneezes with your arm, avoid exposure to others who are sick, and stay home if you are ill.

For local up-to-date information visit the Erie County COVID-19 Dashboard at [CovidErieOhio.com](https://www.eriecountyohio.com/covid19). For questions about COVID-19, please call the Erie County COVID-19 Information Center at 567-867-3243.