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Jones County Confirms Additional Deaths Related to COVID-19 Press Release # 18

Trenton, NC – Jones County Health Department regrets to report additional confirmed COVID-19 deaths of Jones County residents. Four (4) individuals died between the dates of August 1, 2020 and August 6, 2020 from complications associated with the COVID-19 virus. All individuals were considered high risk for the virus due to age and/or underlying medical conditions. To protect the privacy of the families involved, no further information will be released.

“We are sad to announce additional deaths from this virus. Our hearts are with the families during this time,” stated Wesley P. Smith, Health Director. “While we continue to see mild symptoms with this virus, for some of our higher risk populations this can be a serious and even deadly virus. Now more than ever, each of us must do our part to help reduce the spread of the virus. We can do this by following the 3 W’s: 1) **Wear** a face covering; 2) **Wait** 6 feet apart to avoid close contact; and 3) **Wash** your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds,” said Smith.

To date, Jones County has 83 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Of those 83 cases, 30 are active, 46 have satisfied the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) isolation requirements and are considered recovered and 7 are deceased.

For more information on the Coronavirus, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>) or call the North Carolina Division of Public Health hotline (1-866-462-3821) or visit their website at (<https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/diseases/COVID19.html>). Jones County Health Department also is a source of information (252-448-9111) or <http://www.jonescountyhealth.com/>.

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