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First COVID-19 Related Death in Colusa County Confirmed

(COLUSA, CA) July 21, 2020 – The first death of a Colusa County resident related to COVID-19 has been confirmed. The death occurred on July 20, 2020 at Colusa Medical Center. The patient was an 85 year-old male resident of Valley West Care Center (Valley West), a long term skilled nursing facility. The patient's underlying health condition was the primary cause of death, with COVID-19 being a contributing cause.

"We extend our condolences and sympathies to the patient's family and loved ones," stated Denise Carter, Chair of the Colusa County Board of Supervisors. "Our community mourns with you, and I encourage everyone to continue doing their part to mitigate spread of this virus."

As reported yesterday, there are 15 additional Valley West residents with active cases of COVID-19. Colusa County Public Health is working with Valley West to isolate infected individuals, provide additional personal protective equipment, and facilitate arrival of the State's Healthcare Associated Infections Team.

"Countywide, we currently have a total of 223 individuals that have tested positive for COVID-19, including 113 active cases currently in isolation, and 110 released from isolation as recovered," said Dr. Gregory W. Burt, Colusa County Public Health Officer. "The virus is here, and is spreading. Compliance with public health protocols related to reducing virus transmission and spread of the virus are critical to maintaining community health."

Since there is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19, the best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure. The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person:

- Between people who are in **close contact with one another** (within about six feet), even those not exhibiting symptoms.
- Through respiratory droplets produced **when an infected person speaks, coughs or sneezes.**

Colusa County Public Health urges residents to follow the following protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community:

- **Stay home if you're sick;**
- **Avoid close contact;**
- **Wear a face covering in public;**
- **Clean your hands often;**
- **Cover coughs and sneezes; and,**
- **Clean and disinfect.**

Information and resources related to COVID-19 in Colusa County can be accessed here: <https://www.countyofcolusa.org/771/COVID19>. Information and resources from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) can be accessed here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>.