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**PUTNAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS
1st DEATH RELATED TO COVID-19**



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Greencastle — Putnam County Health Department (PCHD) confirms the first death related to coronavirus (COVID-19) in Putnam County today.

“It is with a sad heart as the County Health Officer to share the devastating news of the first COVID-19 related death in our county. Our goals are to minimize additional deaths and minimize contacts by following the social distancing guidelines in Governor Eric Holcomb’s Executive Order 20-08. As a community, we need to protect one another and continue to shelter in place and stay home. Remember, hand washing is the first line of defense in prevention, along with sanitizing surfaces and social distancing (stay at least 6 feet away from others). I want to stress the importance of following the [Executive Order](#) and shelter in place until April 7th. Please continue to pray for this family and for our community during this very difficult time.”

The adult from Putnam County passed away at an outlying facility on Wednesday morning. The person, who was over age 60, had been hospitalized as COVID-19 patient and also suffered from underlying medical conditions. No further information will be released about the patient or the case.

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) will provide updates as new information becomes available. Visit the Putnam County Health Department website at www.putnamhealthindiana.org for more information and the website links to ISDH and CDC on COVID-19 in Indiana.

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