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**OCHD REPORTS FIRST DEATH FROM COVID-19 IN OCEAN COUNTY**

(Toms River) – It is with great sadness and our deepest condolences to the effected family and friends that the Ocean County Health Department (OCHD) is reporting our first COVID-19-related death in Ocean County. This is the ninth death in New Jersey since the COVID-19 outbreak began in late 2019.

The Ocean County Health Department is not releasing the individuals municipality of residence at this time. The decedent is a person who was high risk based on age with underlying medical conditions.

**Please look for daily COVID-19 case counts at [www.ochd.org](http://www.ochd.org) beginning on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 4:30PM. The OCHD website will be updated each evening with updated statistics as we learn them.**

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For more information and statistics pertaining to COVID-19, visit [www.ochd.org](http://www.ochd.org). The OCHD is providing COVID Information Call Line for residents and clinicians to answer questions regarding the coronavirus. The number is 732-341-9700 ext. 7411.

You can also call the NJDOH hotline available around the clock for questions at 1-800-222-1222.

Additional information can be found at:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/summary.html>

or New Jersey Department of Health website at:  
<https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml> .

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