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**To: Jackson County Community & Stakeholders**

**From: Jackson County Department of Public Health**

**Re: Jackson County Department of Public Health Reports One Additional COVID-19 Death**

The Jackson County Department of Public Health (JCDPH) has confirmed that a recent death in a Jackson County resident is related to COVID-19, bringing the total COVID-19 deaths in our county to 5. The individual was greater than 75 years old and underlying health conditions. Since the individual had underlying health conditions, JCDPH investigated the death and was able to confirm that COVID-19 was a contributing factor. To protect the family's privacy, no further information about the individual will be released.

"An additional death is devastating not only to the family and loved ones of this individual but also to our community," said Deputy Health Director Melissa McKnight. "Please use our best public health tools to slow the spread of this virus and protect those who are most vulnerable in our community—stay home if you can and if you must go out, follow the three Ws."

Information on any future COVID-19 deaths in Jackson County can be found on the Jackson County, NC COVID-19 Data Dashboard at <http://health.jacksonnc.org/covid19-data-dashboard>. This Dashboard is updated by approximately 5:00 PM each weekday.

For other information about COVID-19, look to reliable sources like JCDPH, NCDHHS, and the CDC. Visit JCDPH's website at <http://health.jacksonnc.org/covid19>. For COVID-19 questions, call the Jackson County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 828-631-HELP.

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