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## **COVID-19 UPDATE ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department is saddened to announce that over this weekend, Shawano County has had its first death related to COVID-19. To respect the privacy of the individual and the family, we will not provide additional details at this time.

With this unfortunate news, we would like to remind everyone to continue to practice precautions against COVID-19. Continue to keep 6 feet of distance from others, wash your hands often, clean and disinfect frequently touched areas in your home, wear facial coverings in public areas, avoid gatherings with people outside of your household, and stay home when you are sick.

Keep in mind that certain individuals may be at increased risk for serious illness from COVID-19 due to other health conditions. If you have pre-existing health conditions or live with someone who has significant health conditions, please take extra precautions to protect yourself or your household member. Additional information on health conditions that may increase the severity of illness from COVID-19 can be found from the <a href="Centers for Disease Control and Prevention">Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</a>. You may also find information on extra precautions you can take to avoid COVID-19.

If at any time you experience <u>symptoms of COVID-19</u>, please stay home and contact your health care provider to see if you are eligible for COVID-19 testing. Continue to stay in isolation as directed by your health care provider or public health. If you are identified as a close contact to someone who tests positive for COVID-19, please stay home in quarantine for at least 14 days following your last contact with the individual.

If you are experiencing symptoms or have other significant concerns about COVID-19 at this time, keep in mind there will be a <u>free COVID-19 testing event</u> at the <u>Shawano County fairgrounds</u> on September 15 and 16 from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Stay safe and stay well.

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