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## **Abilene Taylor County Public Health District reports second COVID-19 related death in Taylor County**

*ABILENE, Texas* – The Abilene Taylor County Public Health District reports the second COVID-19 related death for Taylor County on Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

The deceased patient was a male in his 70s, with underlying health conditions, who was being cared for at Hendrick Medical Center’s Intensive Care Unit. The deceased patient’s infection was acquired through community contact. This case was not related to Disability Resources, Incorporated.

The City of Abilene extends its deepest sympathies to the family and friends of the deceased patient.

This and all future COVID-19 related deaths in Taylor County will be reported through the City’s daily testing numbers report that can be found at [www.abilenetx.gov/covid19](http://www.abilenetx.gov/covid19), the City’s website homepage, and its Facebook and Twitter social media pages.

The Abilene Taylor-County Public Health District urges area residents to slow the spread of COVID-19 by:

- Practicing social distancing, and staying home as much as possible
- Wearing a mask when away from home
- Washing or sanitizing hands often, and avoid touching your face
- Covering sneezes and coughs
- Staying home if you are sick
- Routinely cleaning commonly touched surfaces

Symptoms of COVID-19 include cough, fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, fatigue, and difficulty breathing.

If you may be showing symptoms for COVID-19, call your medical provider, the Abilene Taylor-County Public Health District at 325.692.5600, Abilene Regional Medical Center at 325.428.1000, Abilene Diagnostic Clinic at 325.437.8602, or text covidhelp to Hendrick Health System at 325.216.4824. Please do not arrive at a medical facility without first making contact by phone and receiving instruction.

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