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**The Health Department Confirms Ninth COVID-19 Death in Jurisdiction**

**PAPILLION:** A Cass County resident in her 60's, who also suffered from underlying health conditions, has become the ninth COVID-19 related death in the Sarpy/Cass Health Department jurisdiction.

"We are saddened to confirm the ninth COVID-19 related death in the Sarpy/Cass Health Department jurisdiction, and the second in Cass County. Our thoughts are with the family and friends of this individual, as well as with all our residents who have lost loved ones during this pandemic," said Sarah Schram, Health Director. "The most effective ways of protecting ourselves and our most vulnerable neighbors from contracting this virus is to follow public health recommendations of staying home while ill, practicing social distancing, washing your hands often, and using a cloth face covering while in public."

As of today, 16,600 residents of Sarpy and Cass County have been tested for COVID-19. Of those, 1,085 residents in Sarpy County and 59 in Cass County have tested positive for the virus. Additionally, 953 of these positive individuals have recovered from the illness.

Public health partners across the state continue to take action to protect the health of Nebraskans. The Sarpy/Cass Health Department will continue to update our community as new information becomes available.

For more information about COVID-19 please visit [www.sarpycasshealthdepartment.org](http://www.sarpycasshealthdepartment.org) or <http://dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus> or call 211.

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