

COVID-19 Death in Carroll County Re:

Friends.

As you may already be aware, the Tennessee Department of Health today reported the first COVID-19-related death in Carroll County.

To be clear, we are not informed of patient information, so we know nothing beyond that a person has passed. Whether we agree with regulations that prevent the sharing of this or not, it is the current reality that we operate within.

For all that call Carroll County home, this loss hits us on a very personal level. We assure you that, as local leaders, we share those same feelings. It is simply heartbreaking. Let us collectively pray for, and grieve with the family, whoever they may be, as they are experiencing the loss of their loved one to this virus. Let us also grant them privacy.

Whatever your approach to or thoughts have been towards this virus, let this serve to show the seriousness of it. We clearly have a ways to go in regards to testing and eventual treatment. We must continue to keep the safety of our county as priority. Please continue to adhere to CDC, White House, and TN Health guidelines. As local governments, we must continue to follow federal and state mandates. As individuals, we must continue to protect our vulnerable populations, and take extra precautions to care for the elderly and children, as well as those that are struggling emotionally and mentally.

Your friends.

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