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## **First Coronavirus death of a Solano County resident**

SOLANO COUNTY – Solano County Public Health officials confirmed today the first Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) death of a Solano County resident. The County resident was 85 years of age or older who recently traveled out of the country and had multiple severe underlying health conditions. Solano Public Health will not release additional demographic data about the patient, including age, gender or city.

“Solano Public Health extends our deepest condolences to the patient’s loved ones in the wake of this tragedy,” says County Health Officer Bela Matyas, M.D., M.P.H. “We strongly recommend that all Solano County residents, workers, students, and visitors take the necessary precautions to protect themselves against the novel coronavirus. Solano Public Health will continue to work with local, state, federal and community partners to prevent future cases and educate those in Solano County about how to avoid contracting COVID-19.”

In Solano County, there are 61 confirmed cases of COVID-19. More than two-thirds (69 percent) of COVID-19 cases are individuals 19-64 years of age and nearly one third of cases (31 percent) are age 65 years and older. Earlier this week, Solano County Public Health Officials extended the County’s shelter at home health order and directive through April 30, 2020.

Solano Public Health recommends everyone follow these simple, daily social-distancing and hygiene best-practices to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and respiratory disease in our community, including: avoid public gatherings, avoid all non-essential travel, keep a six-foot distance between yourself and others, wash your hands often with soap and water, stay home when you are sick and get a flu shot. For a complete list of do’s and don’ts during the pandemic, visit <https://Covid19.Ca.Gov>.

For more information on COVID-19, including community resources, number of COVID-19 cases, essential vs. non-essential functions, food, employment, healthcare and frequently asked questions, visit [www.SolanoCounty.com/PublicHealth](http://www.SolanoCounty.com/PublicHealth), call the Coronavirus warmline, Monday – Friday between 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. at (707) 784-8988, email [Covid19@SolanoCounty.com](mailto:Covid19@SolanoCounty.com) and on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/SolanoCountyPH](http://www.Facebook.com/SolanoCountyPH).

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