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### **“Public Health Officials Announce First COVID-19 Death”**

The LaSalle County Health Department was notified of the first novel coronavirus (COVID-19)-related death in LaSalle County, Illinois. The individual, a male in his 80’s, had earlier tested positive for COVID-19.

“We are deeply saddened to hear of the loss of one of our LaSalle County residents to this illness. Our hearts go out to the family and friends who are mourning the loss of their loved one and we send our sincerest condolences,” LaSalle County Health Department Administrator Julie Kerestes said in a statement.

The LaSalle County Health Department encourages residents to stay informed on the evolving situation. Get the latest guidance for school, employers and community preparedness by visiting [Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Communities](#) or by visiting the Health Department’s website at [www.lasallecounty.org](http://www.lasallecounty.org). For general questions about COVID-19, call the IDPH hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email [dph.sick@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.sick@illinois.gov).

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