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County of Berks / COVID19 Leadership Team Alert

First COVID19 Death in Berks County

Reading, PA— 3/29/2020 — The Berks County Commissioners offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of a 94-year-old Berks County female resident who passed away at the Reading Hospital this past Friday evening. (3/27/2020)

This is the first confirmed COVID19 death in Berks County

The Berks County Coroner's office received test results today (3/29/2020) confirming that she tested positive for COVID19. The PA Department of Health has been notified. Any questions should be directed to Chief Deputy Coroner John M Hollenbach at 610-587-3369

No additional information is available

As Berks County Commissioners we understand that this announcement will likely heighten concern in Berks County over the spread of COVID19. We continue to recommend that you follow the direction of healthcare professionals to limit the spread of COVID19 and abide by the Governor's "Stay at Home Order." For more information visit www.BerksDES.com

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