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St. Mary's County Announces First Local Deaths from COVID-19

LEONARDTOWN, MD - The St. Mary's County Health Department is reporting the first two deaths related to COVID-19 in St. Mary's County. Both individuals were female residents in their 60s.

“On behalf of my fellow Commissioners, I want to extend our deepest sympathies to these families. In St. Mary's County, when one mourns, all mourn. This is a difficult time, and we are heartsick. To all members of our community, please continue following the Stay at Home Order and pay extra attention to social distancing when you must be out in the community,” said Commissioner President Randy Guy.

“This loss of two of our own community members is heartbreaking,” said Dr. Meena Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Officer. “We will keep their families and friends in our prayers and hope that they may find some comfort during this very difficult time. The actions of every community member are vital as we prepare for what is ahead and brace for the impact we will see from this virus. Please stay home as much as possible and follow the recommendations to help control the spread of this illness.”

For local COVID-19 case count, updates and information, visit www.smchd.org/coronavirus or call the COVID-19 Community Hotline at (301) 475-4911 Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For information about St. Mary's County Government COVID-19 response and operations, visit <https://www.stmarysmd.com/covid-19/updates/>.

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