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Cape May County Health Department confirms the first Covid-19 related death of a long-term care facility resident.

Victoria Manor in Lower Township, announced Tuesday that an 86-year-old male resident with significant underlying health conditions who was recently hospitalized died of Covid-19. In addition, the health department confirmed that 15 residents and 12 staff also tested positive at this long-term care facility.

“We are deeply saddened today to learn that a fellow Cape May County resident died from COVID-19,” said Freeholder Director Gerald Thornton. “Our deepest condolences and prayers to the family and loved ones during their time of mourning. The County remains vigilant in our efforts to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus and will continue to do all we can to protect our most vulnerable populations.”

“A death in Cape May County shows the gravity of the situation,” said Freeholder Jeff Pierson. “It’s critically important for us all to take actions that will help protect our most vulnerable citizens. By working together, we can slow the spread of COVID-19 and help ensure the health care system will be able to care for those who need it most.”

Genesis HealthCare, which operates Victoria manor and other nursing homes and senior living facilities across the South Jersey and Delaware area, has been working closely with the Cape May County Department of Health and New Jersey State Health Department to contain the spread of this disease by strictly following infectious disease guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These guidelines include both isolation and quarantine protocols.

“When a nursing home facility has an outbreak, regardless if it is flu, norovirus or COVID-19, Cape May County Health Department immediately begins the investigation process to follow the communicable disease exposure of others, and will instruct the facility administrators to monitor or isolate those individuals until they are no longer contagious,” said Health Officer, Kevin Thomas.

The Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic has spread across nations and has destabilize the global economy, killing more than 79,000 people around the world. There are at least 50,558 positive cases of the novel coronavirus in the New Jersey and 1,232 deaths. Currently, Cape May County has 100 positive cases and two deaths.

<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>ACTIVE CASES</u>	OFF QUARANTINE	DEATHS
AVALON	4	2	
CAPE MAY CITY	1	2	
CAPE MAY POINT	0		
DENNIS TOWNSHIP	5		
LOWER TOWNSHIP	32	2	1
MIDDLE TOWNSHIP	14	3	
NORTH WILDWOOD	2	1	
OCEAN CITY	5	2	
SEA ISLE CITY	0	1	
STONE HARBOR	0		
UPPER TOWNSHIP	6	1	1
WEST CAPE MAY	1		
WEST WILDWOOD	1		
WILDWOOD	7	1	
WILDWOOD CREST	5		
WOODBINE	0		
TOTAL ACTIVE	83		
TOTAL RECOVERED		15	
TOTAL DECEASED			2
TOTAL CASES IN CAPE MAY COUNTY	100		

For more information call the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System hotline at 211 or 1-800-962-1253, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov, the World Health Organization at www.who.int, the New Jersey Department of Health at COVID19.nj.gov. **For additional information** visit Cape May County Department of Health at www.cmchealth.net, also like us on Facebook.

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