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## **Southeast Health District Announces First COVID-19 Death**

**Waycross, GA** – The first death associated with COVID-19 in the Southeast Health District has been confirmed. The elderly individual was a resident of Ware County and had underlying health conditions.

As of noon today, there were more than 3,800 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state of Georgia and more than 800 people hospitalized. Cases have appeared in areas all across Georgia, and more confirmed cases are expected as testing increases and the virus spreads.

Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes are at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 and should always consult their healthcare provider if they are sick.

All Georgians play a critical role in helping to slow the spread of COVID-19 by practicing social distancing, and sick people should self-isolate if they develop symptoms of COVID-19.

For accurate information about COVID-19 in our area, visit the Southeast Health District page on COVID-19 at [sehdph.org/covid-19](http://sehdph.org/covid-19) and the Georgia Department of Public Health website at [dph.ga.gov](http://dph.ga.gov).

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