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Tarrant County Public Health reports four additional COVID-19 deaths

April 16, 2020 (Tarrant County, TX) -Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) today reported four more deaths due to COVID-19. The deceased include a male in his 60s and a male in his 40s, both from Fort Worth, a male in his 40s from Mansfield and a male in his 60s from an unincorporated area of Tarrant County. All had underlying health conditions.

Tarrant County now has 34 confirmed deaths from the COVID-19 virus. 157 people have recovered. "These deaths continue to remind us that we are faced with a deadly disease," said Tarrant County Public Health Director Vinny Taneja. "As we suffer these losses we also are mindful of how important it is for us to continue our efforts to control the spread of this deadly virus."

COVID-19 causes respiratory illness with cough, fever, and shortness of breath and may lead to bronchitis and severe pneumonia. All residents should continue to practice the following preventive measures to protect themselves from the COVID-19 virus:

- Stay home as much as possible.
- If you do go out, wear a mask or scarf to cover your mouth and nose.
- Practice social distancing by staying six feet away from others when you are out.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you experience difficulty breathing or persistent fever, call your primary care provider.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Frequently clean and disinfect touched objects and surfaces.

For more information go to coronavirus.tarrantcounty.com or call the Tarrant County Public Health information line, 817-248-6299, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.