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Tarrant County Public Health reports 38 COVID-19 deaths

April 18, 2020 (Tarrant County, TX) - Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) today reported three more Tarrant County residents have died from COVID-19. The deceased include a female in her 70s from Mansfield, a female in her 60s from Fort Worth and a female in her 70s from Keller. Two of the women had underlying health conditions.

Tarrant County now has 38 confirmed deaths from the COVID-19 virus. 188 people have recovered. "Every loss of life is painful to report, and our condolences go out to the families of these residents," said Tarrant County Public Health Director Vinny Taneja. He urged everyone to stay the course as we continue to navigate our way through the current pandemic.

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.