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## **Tarrant County Public Health reports two more COVID-19 deaths**

April 22, 2020 (Tarrant County, TX) -Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) today reported two more deaths from the COVID-19 virus. The deceased includes a man in his 80s from an unincorporated area of Tarrant County and a man in his 60s from Fort Worth. Both had underlying health conditions.

Tarrant County now has 44 confirmed deaths from the COVID-19 virus. 259 people have recovered. Tarrant County Public Health Director Vinny Taneja said each additional death serves as a reminder that our situation remains serious. "This is not the time to be complacent," he said. "Continuing to follow the guidelines is the best way to protect yourself and your family." The guidelines include:

- 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.

COVID-19 causes respiratory illness with cough, fever, and shortness of breath and may lead to bronchitis and severe pneumonia. For more information go to [coronavirus.tarrantcounty.com](https://coronavirus.tarrantcounty.com) or call the Tarrant County Public Health information line, 817-248-6299, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.