BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO – Butler County General Health District officials announce the death of a fifth Butler County resident who tested positive for novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19.

The fifth COVID-19 related death was a woman in their 70’s. She lived in the 45014 zip code and had other medical conditions. It is not known how she contracted the disease.

The Health District is not disclosing additional information, citing privacy concerns.

“Our hearts go out to the loved ones in their time of grief, and we send our deepest sympathies.” said Health Commissioner Jennifer Bailer.

The most effective ways to prevent this disease are good hand washing and physical distancing. “Please continue to stay home and wear a mask if you need to get essential services,” stated Bailer. To prevent the spread of any virus including COVID-19, practice these preventative measures:

- Follow Ohio Department of Health Director, Dr. Amy Acton and Governor DeWine’s instructions.
- If you must go out to obtain essential services, wear a facial cover (mask, bandana, cloth covering).
- If you are over 65 years old or have underlying health conditions, stay at home.
- Practice social distancing/physical distancing by keeping 6 feet way from others at all times.
- Do not gather in groups of more than 10 people.
- Do not gather with people with whom you do not already share a household.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your elbow.

Ohioans can call the Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 hotline with any questions or visit health.bcohio.us/ or coronavirus.ohio.gov. The call center is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

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