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## Tuolumne County COVID-19 Reports 100<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 Death

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Tuolumne County Public Health reported its 100<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 death today. The most recent reported death is a somber reminder of all the community members that our county has lost since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Every person who has died during this pandemic was someone's parent, sibling, child, friend, or neighbor. As Tuolumne County passes the 100-death mark, we want to recognize all the lives lost to the virus and the tragic impact on their loved ones and our community.

The recent death comes on the heels of nationwide reports that 1 in 500 Americans have died from coronavirus since the start of the pandemic. As of September 15, 2021, at least 666,440 people have died nationwide of COVID-19. With the predominance of the delta variant, nationwide hospitalizations and death rates have increased. The surge is reflected in Tuolumne's case rate of 43 per 100,000 and rise in local hospitalizations. Locally and regionally, hospitals have reached ICU capacity and have utilized the state health officer load leveling order to move patients out of our region to an available ICU bed.

"We have the ability as individuals to reduce the burden of disease on our community. Consider those actions, such as vaccination, that you can do to help us all out," Dr. Eric Sergienko, County Health Officer said.

As we continue our fight against COVID-19, we urge the public to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and layer on safety measures such as masking in public spaces, getting tested, avoid large gatherings and staying home when sick. All these acts make a difference in preventing the death of another community member.

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