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Director of Public Health announces third COVID-19 death in the Bailiwick.

The Director of Public Health Dr Nicola Brink has made the following statement to announce the third COVID-19 related death in the Bailiwick:

'I am very sorry to report that a patient who tested positive for COVID-19 sadly passed away over the weekend. The patient was in their 80s.

I offer my sincere condolences to their family and friends and ask that their privacy is respected at this extremely sad time.'

This announcement will inevitably concern the community as it confirms the stark reality that, for some this virus is extremely dangerous, even if for the majority it causes relatively mild symptoms.

Deputy Heidi Soulsby, President *of the* Committee *for* Health & Social Care:

'I am sure the community will join me in offering condolences to the family and friends affected by this sad news.

Support for Islanders mental wellbeing at this time, along with information about death and grieving during these unprecedented times is available to view at www.gov.gg/coronavirus. Please share this information with family and friends who don't have easy access to the internet.'

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