

## Media Release

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### **Death of COVID-19 patient at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital confirmed**

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On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February, a patient who had COVID-19 died at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital. The patient was a man in his 60s.

The death is the first death of a COVID patient during the ‘second wave’ of the pandemic in Guernsey and the States of Guernsey, the Civil Contingencies Authority, Health and Social Care staff and all those involved in the COVID-19 response would like to express their sympathies to the friends and family for whom this will be an impossibly tragic time.

Deputy Peter Ferbrache, Chair of the Civil Contingencies Authority said

“There really are no words to describe how awful this news is. We may have felt like the virus couldn’t hurt us again here in Guernsey where we lived a near-normal life for so many months before the current lockdown. But it can, and now it has. To the family of the man whose life is lost, I can only express my very deepest and heartfelt condolence though I’m sure that is of little comfort right now.

I hope we do not see any more lives lost to COVID-19, but the danger this virus presents is serious. If there was any doubt of the importance of staying at home, reporting symptoms and taking every possible precaution, there should be none now. This is how we protect the lives of those we love and we must maintain our resolve to see it through.”

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