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Knox County resident in Florida with COVID-19 dies

Knox Public Health has confirmed that a 90-yr. old Knox County man currently in Florida has died of COVID-19. David H. Waddell, was reported as the county's fifth positive case on Wednesday.

"We are saddened to learn about the death of a Knox County resident due to COVID-19," said Health Commissioner Julie Miller. "Even though it took place in another state, Knox County was his home and he has family and friends who live here."

A Mount Vernon resident, Waddell had been in Florida since November. "His death emphasizes the reality of how dangerous COVID-19 is for our elderly population," said Miller. "That's why it is more important than ever that every resident take appropriate measures to prevent and contain the spread of the virus."

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