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TO: Grant County healthcare providers, infection control staff, supervisory nursing staff, clinic management, school nurses.  
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**In Person Services Closed at Grant County Health District**  
**Many services are available on-line or by phone.**

**GRANT COUNTY, WA:** Grant County Health Officer Dr. Alexander Brzezny and Theresa Adkinson, Administrator are closing in person services at the Grant County Health District office. This will go into effect starting at noon on Wednesday, March 18 until further notice.

GCHD is reorganizing so it can dedicate all of its resources to combating novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) to assist with the growing efforts of protecting our communities. In addition to being a part of the ongoing effort statewide to reduce spread of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Businesses and organizations in our community are being required to ensure social distancing and other health measures in their operations. It is important that the Health District does the same. The closure of the front counter reduces person-to-person contact and lessens the risk for staff and the public.

Services being impacted include:

- **Birth and Death Certificates**
  - May be purchased online through the Washington State Department of Health visit our web site to learn more at <http://granthealth.org/birthdeath-certificates-vital-records/>. Our Birth and Death Certificate form is also available to download on this page as well. Customers can print the form and send it to us in the mail along with payment check or money order. **Call our office if you do not have access to a printer and we will work with you.**
  
- **Environmental Health Services**
  - Water testing bottles, permit application submittals, payments, etc. please call ahead and we will work with you over the phone as much as possible.
  - Online and phone services will continue, as well inspections and permit reviews. Permit applications, inspection results and other services also are available at [www.granthealth.org](http://www.granthealth.org). People can also call 509-766-7960 for questions about permits,

payments, and other environmental health services normally provided at the front counter.

- **Personal Health Services**

- Sexually transmitted disease (STD) testing and investigations have limited response capacity and clients should anticipate delays.
- TB Services will continue, please call our office to schedule your consultation.

The health and safety of Grant County remains the Health District's top priority. The community is encouraged to help prevent the spread of illness and to support the response to this outbreak by staying informed and sharing reliable information. This is a very trying time with situations and information vary. Stay informed at <http://granthealth.org/2019-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/> and the Health District's social media channels.

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