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TO: Grant County healthcare providers, infection control staff, supervisory nursing staff, clinic management, school nurses.

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Fifth Grant County Resident Death Associated with Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Grant County, WA – Grant County Health District was notified on June 11, 2020 of a COVID-19 associated death in a resident on hospice services from Summer Wood Alzheimer's Special Care Center. The resident was a male in his 80s from Moses Lake. This death brings the total Grant County COVID-19-related deaths to five (5).

Our hearts are with his family and friends. On behalf of Unified Command, our staff, Summer Wood staff, Grant County Health Officer, and Board of Health, we are so sorry for your loss.

Our most vulnerable community members — elderly, immunocompromised, and those with chronic conditions — are especially at risk and we must continue to take measures to protect them from this disease.

"The resident was a valued member of our community and will be greatly missed", stated Laurie Ahmann at Summer Wood Alzheimer's Special Care Center. "Our hearts go out to his family and friends."

Everyone can do their part to stop the spread of this disease:

- Staying home as much as possible,
- Physical Distancing of 6 feet whenever you around others outside your household,
- Wearing a face covering whenever going into public, and
- Washing your hands often.

For detailed information on Grant County COVID-19 related statistics, visit <u>www.granthealth.org</u>.

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