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

Grant County, WA – Grant County Health District is reporting the 8th COVID-19 associated death in a Grant County resident. The resident was a male in his 50s from Mattawa who died at his home. This death brings the total Grant County COVID-19-related deaths to eight (8). The investigation determined no workplace exposure and the infection was likely acquired in the community.

Grant County Health District grieves the loss of a community member. Our hearts are with his family and friends. On behalf of our staff, Grant County Health Officer, and Board of Health, we are so sorry for the loss of your father, grandfather, uncle, and friend.

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. For the health of your family, neighbors, and friends, it is now more critical than before to wear a mask when in public. **Limit the size of your gatherings, each personal decision we make to socialize outside of our households may impact our most vulnerable residents. Please mask up when out in public and protect one another.**

Grant County Health District is delaying the announcement of COVID-19 associated deaths in order to give families time to notify their loved ones. We also verify COVID-19 is listed as a cause of death on the death certificate to ensure we are not reporting deaths that are not attributed to COVID-19. All reported deaths of Grant County residents are attributed to COVID-19 and were verified with the death certificate, testing, and other case information

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 www.granthealth.org.

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