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TO: Grant County healthcare providers, infection control staff, supervisory nursing staff, clinic management, school nurses.  
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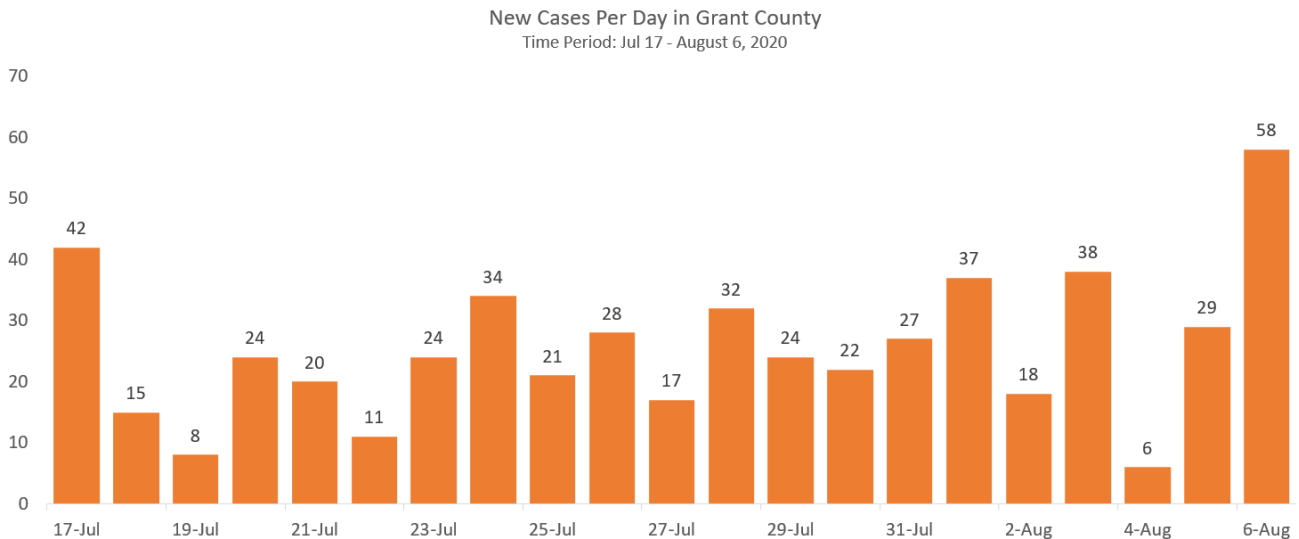
**Twelfth Grant County Resident Death Associated with COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2)**

Grant County, WA – Grant County Health District is reporting the 12<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 associated death of a Grant County resident. The Long-Term Care resident was a male in his 80s from Moses Lake, who was hospitalized at the time of his death. The resident had underlying conditions that put him at a higher risk for severe complications of COVID-19. This death brings the total Grant County COVID-19-related deaths to twelfth (12). “In the course of two weeks, GCHD has reported the deaths of 4 COVID-19 positive patients who died due to complications of the virus,” states Theresa Adkinson, Administrator.

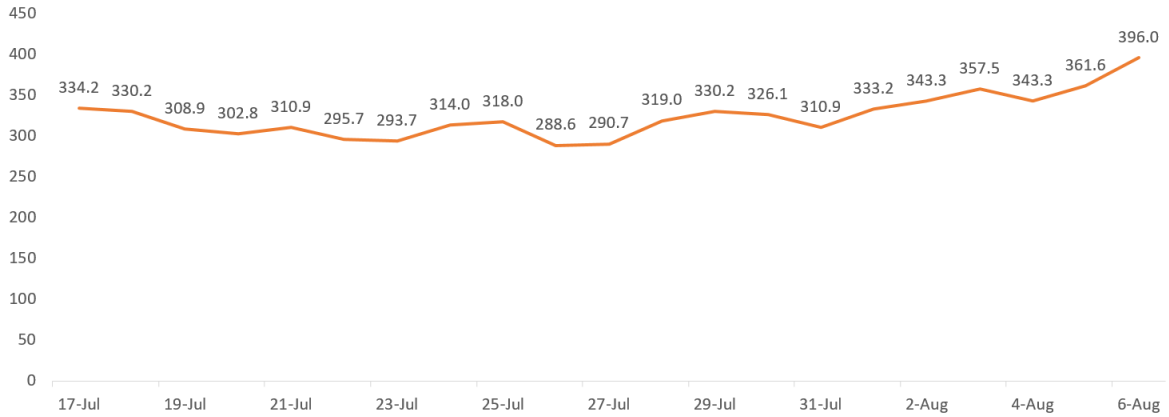
Grant County Health District would like to express our sincere condolences to his family and the facility that loved and cared for him. On behalf of our staff, Grant County Health Officer, and Board of Health, we are so sorry for your loss.

“We are saddened by the loss of another member of our community to COVID-19. On behalf of the team at Samaritan, we would like to extend our thoughts and prayers to patient’s family and loved ones.”

GCHD’s regional epidemiologist updated the follow tables with the most current information to demonstrate how the increase in number of cases and rate of transmission in Grant County.



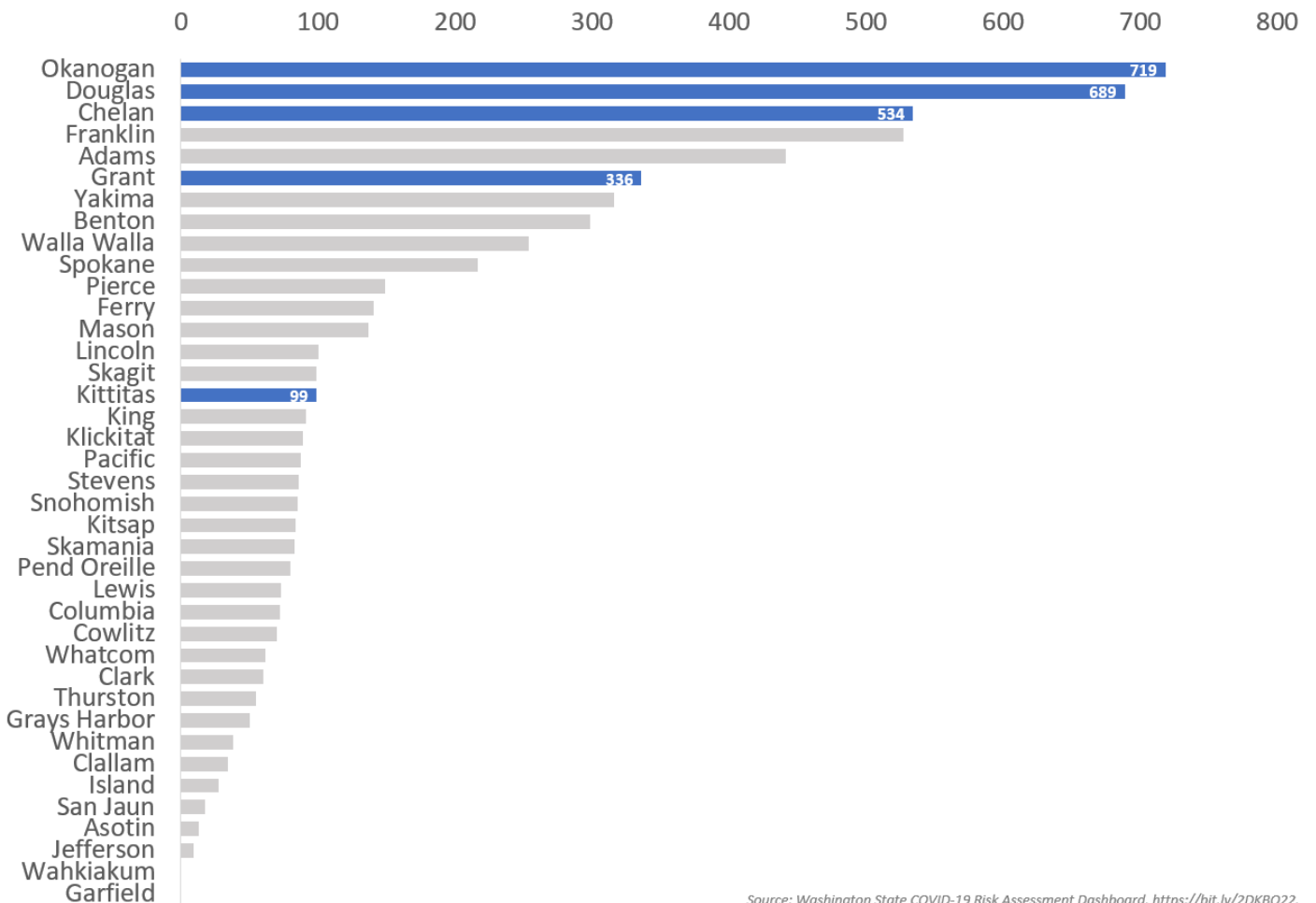
Incidence Rate in Grant County  
 Cases Reported by GCHD / 100,000 population / 14 days  
 Time Period: July 17 - August 6, 2020



Incidence Rate of COVID-19 Cases in Washington State Counties

Measurement Period: July 18 - 31, 2020

Incidence Rate: Cases / 100,000 population / 14 days



Source: Washington State COVID-19 Risk Assessment Dashboard, <https://bit.ly/2DKBO22>.

For the health of your community, family, neighbors, and friends, it is now more critical than before to wear a face covering. **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 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:

- Stay home as much as possible,
- Wear a face covering whenever going into public,
- Use physical distancing of 6 feet whenever you are around others outside your household, and
- Wash your hands often.

For detailed information on Grant County COVID-19 related statistics, visit [www.granthealth.org](http://www.granthealth.org).

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