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**Fourteenth and Fifteenth Grant County Resident Deaths
Associated with COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2)**

Grant County, WA – Grant County Health District is reporting the 14th and 15th deaths associated with severe complications due to COVID-19 in Grant County residents. The residents were a male Moses Lake resident in his 40s who died in his home and a male Quincy resident in his 80s who died while hospitalized. Both residents had underlying conditions putting them at higher risk for severe complications of COVID-19. These deaths bring the total Grant County COVID-19-related deaths to fifteen (15).

Grant County Health District recognizes each death associated with COVID-19 impacts families, friends, and communities. We would like to express our sincere condolences and on behalf of our staff, Grant County Health Officer, and Board of Health, we are so sorry for your loss.

The risk of complications from COVID-19 can be life threatening in a short period of time. For those of you at home recovering from COVID-19, please contact your healthcare provider or seek medical care if your symptoms become more severe.

For the health of your community, family, neighbors, and friends, it is critical to wear a face covering and 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. Our community, schools, and businesses are relying on you to help slow the spread of the virus.**

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.

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