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

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Eighteenth Grant County Resident Death Associated with COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2)

Grant County, WA – Grant County Health District is reporting the 18th COVID-19 associated death in a Grant County resident. The resident was a female in her 70s from Mattawa. The resident had medical conditions putting her at higher risk for severe complications of COVID-19. This death brings the total Grant County COVID-19-related deaths to eighteen (18).

As our community experiences an additional loss of a resident, our hearts are with her family and friends. On behalf of our staff, Grant County Health Officer, and Board of Health, we are so sorry for your loss.

Grant County Health District delays the announcement of COVID-19 associated deaths 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.

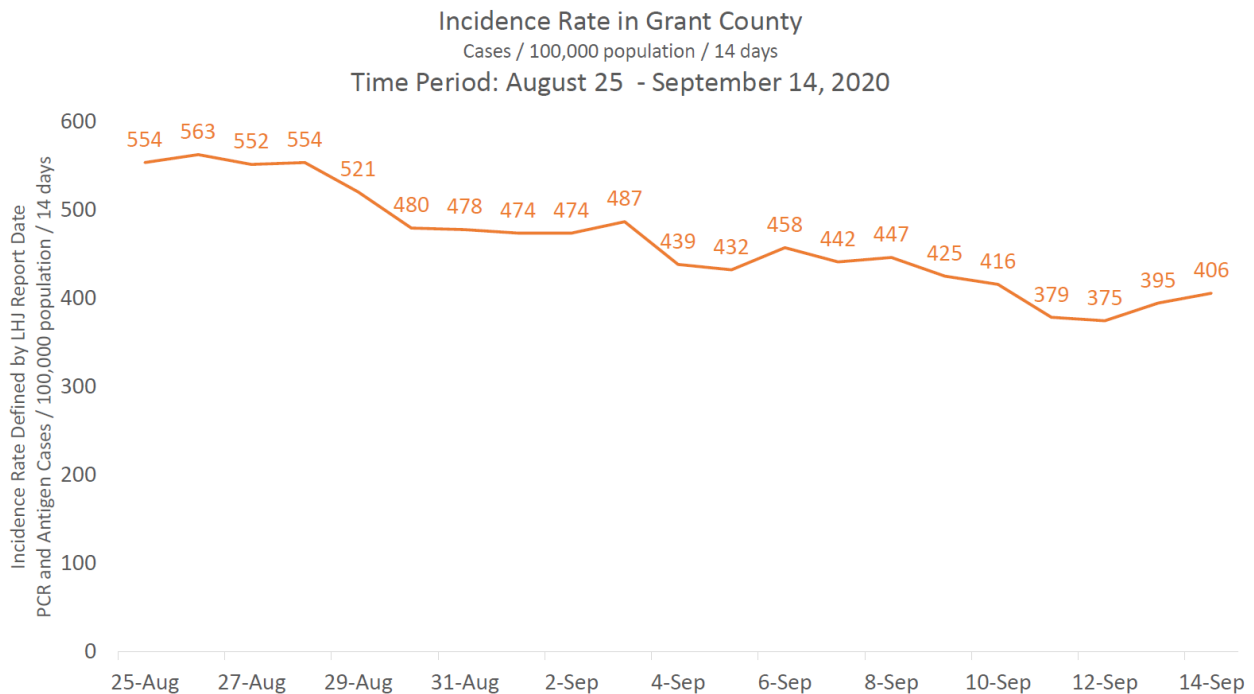
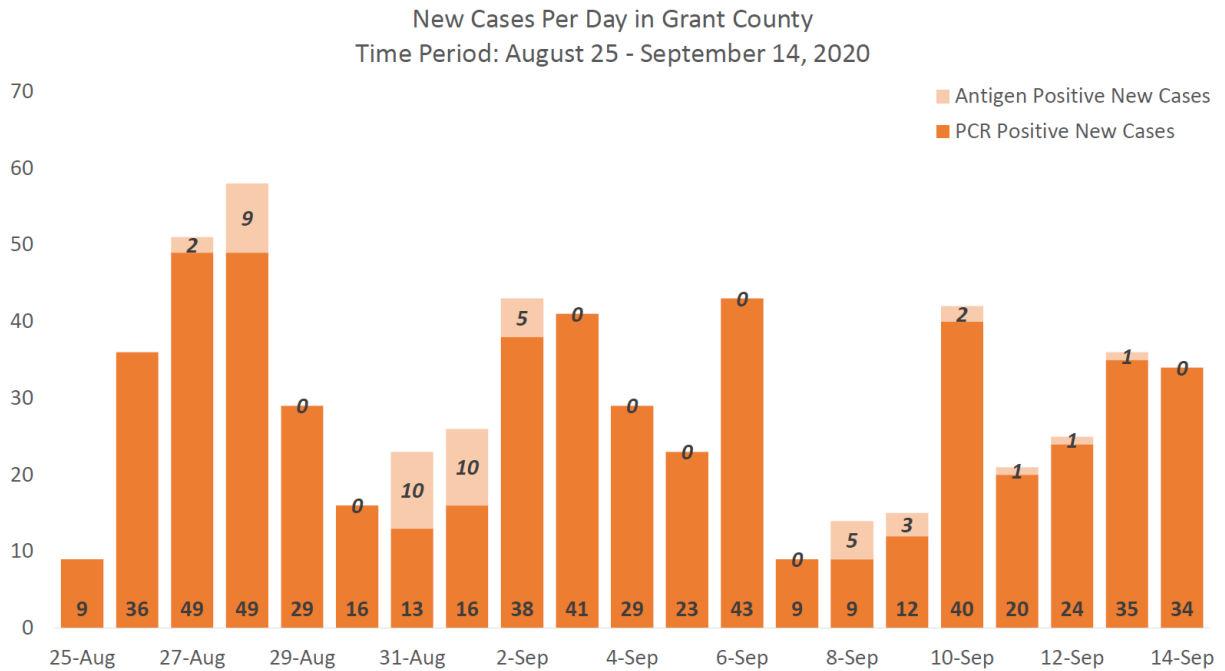
Our most vulnerable community members — elderly, immunocompromised, and those with chronic conditions — are especially at risk and we must continue to take measures to protect them from this disease. For the health of your family, neighbors, and friends, it is critical to wear a face covering in public and limit the size of your gatherings. Each personal decision we make will impact our most vulnerable residents.

Everyone can do their part to protect one another and limit the spread of illness in our communities:

- Wear a face covering anytime you are in public or around people you do not live with.
- Stay home if you feel sick or are under quarantine or isolation orders.
- Use physical distancing and stay 6 feet away from others as much as possible when you are in public or at work.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, especially before eating or coming home. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

- Limit social gatherings, like BBQs, birthday parties, and other get-togethers to no more than 5 people outside your household.

Our Regional Epidemiologist updated the following graphs with daily case counts and case rate per 100,000 residents per 14 days. Although the Grant County case rate has dropped over the last 2 weeks, we must continue to take all precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Our community, schools, and businesses are relying on you to help slow the spread of the virus in Grant County.



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

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