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

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

Grant County, WA – Grant County Health District is reporting the 21st COVID-19 associated death in a Grant County resident. The resident was a male in his 80s from Moses Lake. He had underlying health conditions putting him at higher risk for severe complications of COVID-19. This death brings the total Grant County COVID-19-related deaths to twenty-one (21).

As our community experiences the loss of another resident, 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 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 of complications due to a COVID-19 infection 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, parties, and other get-togethers to no more than 5 people outside your household.

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

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