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

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Four Additional Grant County Resident Deaths Associated with COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2)

Grant County, WA – Grant County Health District is reporting four (4) additional confirmed COVID-19 associated deaths of Grant County residents. These deaths bring the total Grant County confirmed COVID-19 related deaths to one hundred and nine (109).

None of the deaths were associated with a Long-Term Care Facility. All four residents had underlying conditions putting them at higher risk of severe complications due to a COVID-19 infection:

- Male Coulee City resident in his 70s
- Male Moses Lake resident in his 70s
- Male Quincy resident in his 70s
- Male Moses Lake resident in his 80s

Grant County Health District is saddened by these deaths and our hearts are with their 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.

Please continue to consistently take steps that prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wear a face covering anytime you are in public or around people you do not live with.
- Stay home if you feel sick, are under quarantine or isolation orders, or have been told you are a close contact to a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- 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.
- If you are eligible to get vaccinated for COVID-19 – don't hesitate, vaccinate! To find out if you are eligible go to www.FindYourPhaseWA.org.

We need everyone to do their part to slow the spread to ensure our healthcare facilities are not overwhelmed. **Each personal decision we make will impact our most vulnerable residents.** 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. Everyone can do their part to protect one another and limit the spread of illness in our communities!

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

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