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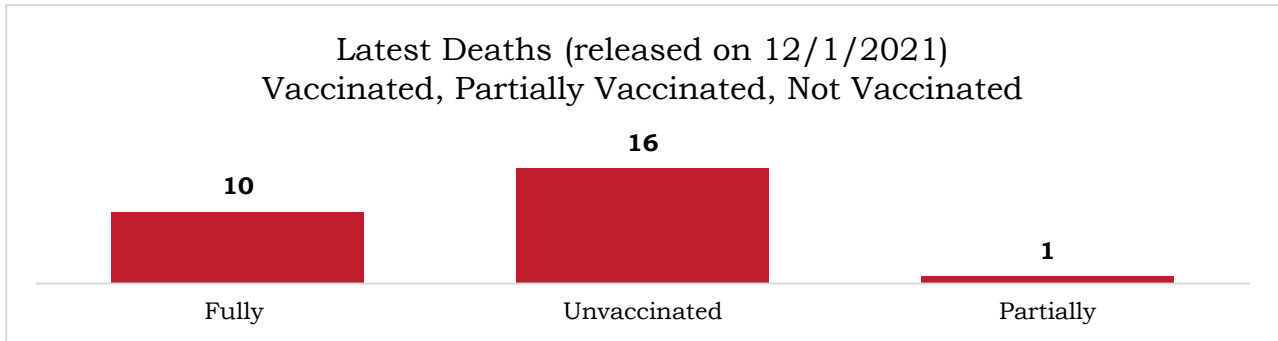
Twenty-Seven Additional Confirmed Deaths Associated with COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) in Grant County

Grant County, WA – Grant County Health District is reporting Twenty-Seven (27) additional Grant County residents who died of confirmed COVID-19 disease. **These deaths bring the total Grant County confirmed COVID-19 related deaths to two hundred and twelve (212), and one (1) pending.**

Sex	City	Age
Female	Quincy	30s
Male	Moses Lake	50s
Male	Mattawa	50s
Male	Soap Lake	50s
Female	Moses Lake	50s
Male	Quincy	50s
Male	Ephrata	60s
Male	Moses Lake	60s
Female	Warden	60s
Male	Grand Coulee	70s
Male	Moses Lake	70s
Female	Moses Lake	70s
Male	Ephrata	70s
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Male	Ephrata	70s
Female	Moses Lake	70s
Male	Quincy	70s
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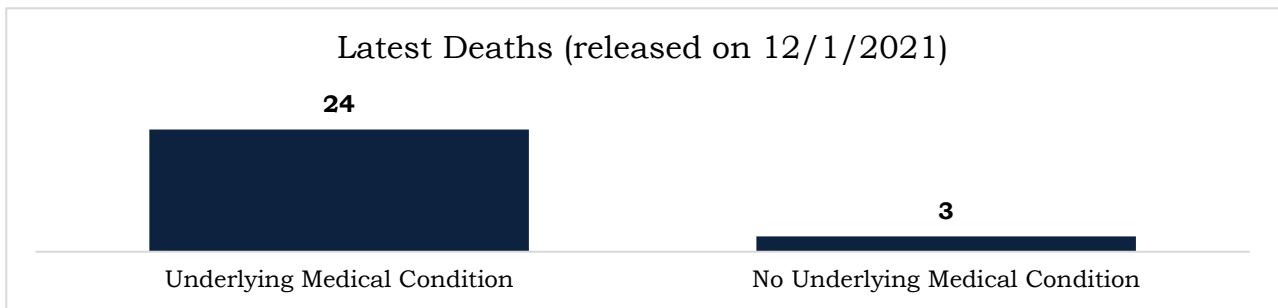
**24 had underlying health conditions.
 10 fully vaccinated, 16 unvaccinated, 1 partially vaccinated.
 Deaths occurred in October and November.**

We urge Grant County residents to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and the seasonal flu. Approved and authorized COVID-19 vaccines (initial doses and boosters) are safe and effective. For those who are eligible to receive a COVID-19 booster dose, should do so as soon as possible. The purpose of a booster dose is to extend the protection of the COVID-19 vaccine and increase the body's immune response.



fully vaccinated deaths: two doses of Pfizer or Moderna or 1 dose of Johnson and Johnson vaccine, testing positive greater than two weeks from their last dose

People who have an underlying health condition, are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. People of any age with underlying health conditions are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19.



COVID-19 vaccines (initial doses and boosters) and preventive measures for COVID-19 are important, especially if you are older or have multiple or severe health conditions. Talk to your doctor about how best to manage your condition and protect yourself from COVID-19.

The Washington State Department of Health defines a COVID-19 death as a death occurring among those who have a positive COVID-19 test and the death certificate must also include COVID-19 or COVID-like terms (such as respiratory distress, pneumonia, respiratory failure, hypoxia, viral illness, or Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS - with no other strain specified) as a cause or contributing factor to the death. It does not include those who die in a homicide, suicide, or accident, with the exception of accidental deaths that explicitly list COVID-19 on the death certificate.

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.

GCHD would like to remind everyone of the importance of all public health precautions during the COVID-19 pandemic. Anyone can have COVID-19 and not know they are contagious. COVID-19 is easily spread to close contacts, friends, family and loved ones before a person knows they are unintentionally spreading the virus. Please help prevent the spread of COVID-19, continue to mask-up, social distance and avoid group gatherings.