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TO: Grant County healthcare providers, infection control staff, supervisory nursing staff, clinic management, school nurses.
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## Five More Confirmed Deaths Associated with COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) in Grant County

Grant County, WA – Grant County Health District is reporting Five (5) additional Grant County residents who died of confirmed COVID-19 disease. These deaths bring the total Grant County confirmed COVID-19 related deaths to one hundred and twenty-five (125).

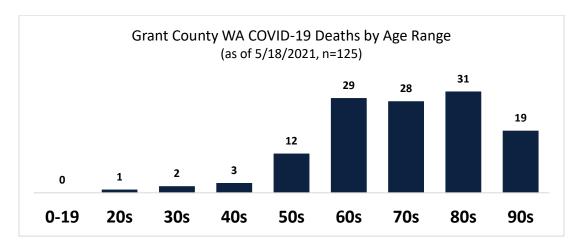
All residents had underlying conditions putting them at higher risk of severe complications due to a COVID-19 infection, none of the residents had been vaccinated:

- Two Female, Moses Lake residents in their 60s
- Male, Soap Lake resident in his 50s

- Male, Moses Lake resident in his 80's
  - Male, Moses Lake resident in his 20's

Our hearts go out to the families and friends of the departed.

"COVID-19 continues to kill people from our community. These reported deaths are not just a number; they represent mothers, fathers, someone's brothers, sisters, sons or daughters, and friends. The virus doesn't care about your age or race, or what your political and religious preferences are. If given the opportunity, it will spread and infect more people. Our immunization rates are too low for us to feel protected. The key to fighting this virus is for everyone to get vaccinated as soon as we can. I am asking and urging you to, please, help our community by vaccinating, if you haven't already," said Dr. Brzezny, Grant County Health Officer.



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.

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