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Four Confirmed Deaths Associated with COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) in Grant County

Grant County, WA – Grant County Health District is reporting four (4) 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 fifty (150).**

Sex	City	Age
Male	Moses Lake	40's
Female	Moses Lake	50's
Male	Moses Lake	70's
Female	Moses Lake	90's

**All had underlying health conditions.
1 fully vaccinated, 3 unvaccinated, 0 partially vaccinated.
Deaths occurred within the past two weeks (end of August 2021).**

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.

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 do your part to prevent the spread of COVID-19, continue to mask-up, social distance and avoid group gatherings.

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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