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## **Nine Additional Confirmed Deaths Associated with COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) in Grant County**

Grant County, WA – Grant County Health District is reporting nine (9) 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 eighty-five (185), and three (3) pending.**

Sex	City	Age
Male	Quincy	50's
Male	Moses Lake	60's
Female	Moses Lake	60's
Female	Moses Lake	70's
Female	Soap Lake	70's
Male	Moses Lake	70's
Male	Moses Lake	70's
Female	Moses Lake	70's
Male	Mattawa	80's

**8 had underlying health conditions.  
1 fully vaccinated, 8 unvaccinated, 0 partially vaccinated.  
Deaths occurred between September and October.**

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.