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First COVID-19 death confirmed in Ada County

ADA COUNTY, IDAHO – Central District Health (CDH) has confirmed the first death associated with COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) in Ada County.

The individual was over the age of 60 with pre-existing health issues and had lab-confirmed illness that was being investigated prior to death. Out of respect for grieving family and friends, CDH has provided this essential information but will retain any patient-specific information as confidential.

“We extend our sympathy and thoughts to the family and friends of this resident who has passed. As some of us begin to see this virus impact those we know, it becomes much more personal. We urge each person in our communities to do their part to slow the spread of COVID-19 to protect themselves, family, friends, and neighbors,” said Russ Duke, district director for Central District Health.

Epidemiologists with CDH continue their contact investigation. If other people are found to have possibly been exposed, public health officials will provide guidance to them and will monitor them for symptoms. At the time of this release, there have been 84 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ada County, and one in Valley County. Case counts for the four counties served by CDH are updated weekdays by 5 pm unless otherwise noted on the CDH website, <https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/dac-coronavirus>

For more information, visit CDH’s COVID-19 webpage or call our Call Center at 208-321-2222. CDH’s call center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm.

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