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HEADLINE: First Death Associated with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Latah County

LEWISTON, IDAHO –Public Health – Idaho North Central District (PH-INCD) has confirmed the first death associated with COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) in Latah County.

The individual was in their 70s with age-related health issues. This was a previously confirmed case that was being investigated prior to death.

“Our hearts are heavy having learned of the death in our community,” said Carol Moehrle, Director of PH-INCD. “This unfortunate loss highlights the seriousness of this virus.”

"We continue to urge you to protect your health and the health of others, especially older individuals and those with chronic health conditions who are most at risk. We all have a role to play in limiting the spread of this virus" said Moehrle.

Epidemiologists with PH-INCD 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 closely for symptoms.

Out of respect for this grieving family, Public Health has provided this essential information, but will retain any patient specific information as confidential.

For more information about the novel coronavirus please visit www.idahopublichealth.com or call our Public Health Hotline at 1-866-736-6632.