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Klickitat County Reports Three COVID-19 Deaths

Klickitat County Health Department is currently investigating close contacts and possible transmissions

Goldendale, WA, February 9, 2021 – The Klickitat County Health Department (KCHD) was notified of three community member deaths on February 5, 2021. All three individuals had underlying health issues that affected their health in addition to having COVID-19. Two of the individuals had recovered from COVID-19, however, their deaths were classified as COVID-related based on national standards.

Two of these community members were from White Salmon. One was 90 years old and tested positive on December 8, 2020. They passed away on January 15, 2021 while under hospice care. The other individual was 77 years old and tested positive on December 12, 2020. They passed away on January 8, 2021. The third community member was from Glenwood and 71 years old. They tested positive for COVID-19 on November 9, 2020 while in Benton Franklin County. This individual was admitted to a Portland area hospital in mid-January and passed away on January 20, 2021. Klickitat County has had a total of 717 COVID-19 cases to date and eight deaths.

You can help slow the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a face mask that covers your nose and mouth when you are in public, washing your hands, and staying home when you are sick. It is also highly recommended that the public avoid large gatherings and events even if they are hosted outside.

If you are currently experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, please contact your primary care provider about getting tested. COVID-19 symptoms can be different for everyone but generally include some of the following: fever, chills, headache, muscle aches or pains, sore throat, sinus congestion, dry or productive cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain or cramps, loss of smell or taste, and fatigue. Anyone with symptoms can be tested in Klickitat County by calling to make an appointment at Klickitat Valley Health, Skyline Health, or Northshore Medical Group.

About Klickitat County Public Health

Klickitat County Public Health is always working for a safer and healthier community. As the region's public health leader and partner, we are committed to excellence through innovative programs, community partnerships and a fundamental dedication to promote and protect the health of all Klickitat County residents.

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For More Information:

Klickitat County Public Health: www.klickitatcounty.org/289/Public-Health

Klickitat Valley Health: www.kvhealth.net

Skyline Health: www.myskylinehealth.org

Northshore Medical Group: www.northshore-medical.com

COVID-19 Risk Assessment Dashboard:

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/covid-19-risk-assessment-dashboard>