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COVID-19 Public Health Update

Union County, Oregon — Center for Human Development (CHD) public health reports 12 new cases. This brings the total cases in the county to 309.

The Center for Human Development Public Health is announcing the first COVID-19 related death in Union County. The person was a 90-year-old female who tested positive on June 13 and died on June 25 at Grande Ronde Hospital. She had underlying conditions.

"We are saddened to share this news today. Our thoughts are with her family and friends as they grieve this loss," said Carrie Brogoitti, CHD Public Health Administrator. This news is a reminder that our own community is not immune from the most serious consequences of the virus. "We must continue to take steps to protect each other. Every resident of Union County can reduce the impact of this virus on our community by continuing prevention measures," said Brogoitti.

People who have mild signs of COVID-19 should stay home unless the signs of illness are serious enough they would normally seek health care. **Individuals who feel very ill should seek appropriate care.** If it is an emergency, call 911. For information on when to seek emergency medical attention visit <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html</u>. If it is not an emergency but you feel sick enough to need a medical appointment, call your primary care provider before going in. Make a plan for how to be seen, while also avoiding spread of the illness to others. If you don't have a doctor, call 211 for a list of providers near you.

The Union County Incident Management Team will be holding a community briefing on Tuesday, June 30 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be an opportunity for leadership to answer key questions that have been surfacing locally regarding COVID-19. Due to physical distancing requirements, the briefing will be provided virtually and live-streamed on the NE Oregon Joint Information Center Facebook page. The briefing will also be available for later viewing at www.neojic.union-county.org.

If you need further general information about COVID-19, please visit our webpage www.chdinc.org/covid19 or call 211.

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Total Cases- 309 Recovered- 13 Deaths- 1

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