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## **Public Health confirms first death in Lincoln County related to COVID-19**

LINCOLN COUNTY –South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) confirms Lincoln County’s first deaths related to COVID-19.

- One individual was male and in his 30’s. He was hospitalized at the time of his death.
- The second individual was male and in his 50’s. He was not hospitalized at the time of his death.

**These deaths make a total of 88 fatalities related to COVID-19 in south central Idaho, including two people who died in their 30’s and one person who died in his 20’s.**

Lincoln county is also currently in a critical risk tier for COVID-19 spread, along with six other counties in south central Idaho. To prevent further spread of COVID-19, public health urges all residents to take extra precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19. This includes avoiding large gatherings, watching your distance around people you don’t live with, wearing a mask, washing your hands regularly, and isolating immediately if you begin showing symptoms of any virus.

South Central Public Health District is running two COVID-19 informational hotlines, one in English at (208) 737-1138, and one in Spanish, at (208) 737-5965. These hotlines are currently running from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Idaho Health and Welfare is also running a hotline for people feeling overwhelmed, isolated, or distressed because of COVID-19. That hotline is available 24/7 at 888-330-3010.

Please refer to <https://phd5.idaho.gov/coronavirus> for the latest local numbers and guidance. Refer to <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/> for statewide information.