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COVID-19 related death confirmed in a person under the age of 30

TWIN FALLS COUNTY –South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) confirms a male, in his 20’s, has died from a COVID-19 related illness in Twin Falls County. This is the youngest fatality connected with the disease in Idaho, up to this point.

“This is a terrible reminder that even our young people are not immune to complications from this disease,” said Tanis Maxwell, SCPHD Epidemiologist. “Many of our young people will bounce back, but some will be hit hard by this disease. These are the people, the vulnerable of all ages, that we are trying to protect when we encourage everyone to take daily precautions.”

The individual had an underlying condition that made him high-risk for a severe case of COVID-19.

“Some of these conditions that place people in our community at high risk aren’t obvious to the people around them. Conditions like diabetes, heart disease, or lung problems can be invisible to the public and are more common than you might imagine,” said Maxwell. “That’s why taking steps to protect everyone around us from any illness we might be carrying is such an important step in slowing the spread of this disease and saving lives.”

Public Health officials urge all residents to incorporate these precautions into their daily lives by keeping six feet away from people you don’t live with, wearing a mask in public places, excellent hand hygiene, and isolating immediately if you begin to show symptoms of an illness.

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 are now also running Saturdays and Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Please refer to <https://phd5.idaho.gov/coronavirus> for the latest local numbers and <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/> for Idaho-specific information.