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Public Health confirms first death in Jerome County related to COVID-19

JEROME COUNTY –South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) confirms Jerome County’s first death related to COVID-19.

The individual was female and over the age of 70. Age is considered a factor.

Public Health officials urge all residents to take extra precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19. This includes practicing social distancing at all times, avoiding all non-essential travel and errands, and isolating immediately if they 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 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. 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 <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/> for Idaho-specific information.