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**SCPHD announces date for “Health Hero” award
ceremony and the nomination deadline.**

SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO – Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) extended the nomination period for their annual Health Hero awards.

“Now that we’ve gone through all the stages of the Governor’s reopening plan, we feel it’s safe to spotlight the people who have kept us safe during a difficult time,” said Pam Jones, SCPHD Health Board member and Chair of the Health Heroes Committee. “Now is the perfect opportunity to thank the people who have gone above and beyond during this pandemic.”

The nomination deadline for Health Heroes in 2020 has been set for July 31st. A committee will review the nominations and select winners who will be recognized on September 16th before the monthly SCPHD Board of Health meeting. The award ceremony will be open to the public. Measures will be taken to ensure social distancing standards and SCPHD requests attendees to wear masks to protect everyone who attends. A contingency plan will be announced if conditions are not safe for an in-person ceremony.

Health Heroes includes four nomination categories: youth, adult volunteer, adult professional and organization and accepts nominations for residents in Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Twin Falls counties. The following are eligible for nomination in each category:

Youth: A volunteer, 18 years old or younger, who has made a big impact on the health of their community. Please limit entries to one person per nomination.

Adult Volunteer: A member of the community, over the age of 18, who is volunteering outside of their profession. This person must have volunteered time on a community project, initiative, or organization and their efforts have helped their community become healthier. Please limit entries to one person per nomination.

Adult Professional: A member of the community, over the age of 18, who works in health care or community health and goes above and beyond in their job or hobby to help make their community healthier. Please limit entries to one person per nomination.

Organization: A group of people (youth or adult) who have made a big impact on their community health over the last year. Please limit entries in this category to groups of two or more residents.

You can see previous Health Hero winners and find nomination forms on our website at <http://phd5.idaho.gov/health-heroes>.

In the nomination form please include a description explaining why the nominee deserves the **Health Heroes Award** and how they have impacted their community. Examples of qualifying activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Promoting a healthy lifestyle through activities at schools, churches, and places of work
- Programs/activities to reduce suicides
- Promoting physical activity or other activities that help reduce obesity
- Help preparing a community for a disaster
- Efforts to decrease workplace injuries
- Promoting policies that led to healthy outcomes

Employees of South Central Public Health District are not eligible to receive a Health Hero award or a Community Health Spotlight. If you would like to recognize an SCPHD employee please feel free to call one of our offices, or leave us a message on Facebook.