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Walla Walla County Reconciles Six COVID-19 Related Deaths
Reminder to Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Keep our Community Safe

Walla Walla, WA – Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) was able to reconcile six deaths this week. County health officials were notified that two local men in their 60s, a woman in her 80s, and two men and a woman in their 90s, that tested positive for COVID, passed away. We send our thoughts and heartfelt condolences to their families and friends during this difficult time.

DCH was also notified of 59 cases linked to the Washington State Penitentiary from December 2020. These cases were not initially reported, and all 59 cases have recovered.

Case Overview (as of 03/03/21 @ 3:00 PM):
- Confirmed Cases: 4,793
- Recovered: 4,670
- Deaths: 58
- Active: 65 (includes 1 WSP inmate & 2 WSP staff)
  - Home Isolation: 61
  - Hospitalized: 4

Moving forward, DCH will no longer report negative-test statistics. Instead, there will be a positivity rate included in the daily update available at www.covidwwc.com/data. Case counts are frequently changing as new cases go through county case investigation and tracing. More information about cases, including community of residence, age, and gender, can be found on the Walla Walla County COVID website.

DCH would like to remind everyone that there are resources available for anyone in our community that may be feeling the stressful impacts of COVID-19. Those looking for help can visit the County COVID website or email health@co.walla-walla.wa.us. Both English and Spanish language assistance is available.

For updates and announcements visit the County COVID website and text COVIDWW to 888777.

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