August 24th, 2021

TO: Grant County residents

FROM: The Grant County Health Department (GCHD)

The GCHD is announcing that thirteen individuals have been identified as being positive for COVID-19 in Grant County. These individuals reside within the 97845, 97825, 97820, and 97865-zip codes. Case investigation is being completed per Oregon Health Authority regulations. Individuals identified, who meet the definition of close contacts, will be contacted.

Individuals who are fully vaccinated and who are identified as a close contact do not need to quarantine but are encouraged to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and to get tested for COVID-19 3-5 days after exposure. COVID-19 vaccines have been proven to be safe and are still the most effective way to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Pfizer and Moderna are both 95% effective against contracting COVID-19, and Johnson and Johnson is 66% effective. If you are interested in receiving either vaccine, please contact the following entities to schedule an appointment:

Grant County Health Department: 541-575-0429

Strawberry Wilderness Clinic: 541-575-0404

Len’s Drug: 541-575-0629

You can also contact Canyon Creek Clinic at 541-575-1263 and they can provide you with appropriate referral information.

We continue to encourage all residents to take the following precautions.

* Wear a mask in doors.
* Maintain 6 feet of distancing, if possible, indoors and outdoors.
* Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
* Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
* Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
* Stay home if you feel ill.

After someone contracts COVID-19, if they develop symptoms, they will usually appear within 14 days. Symptoms include:

* Fever or chills
* Cough
* Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
* Fatigue
* Muscle or body aches
* Headache
* New loss of taste or smell
* Sore throat
* Congestion or runny nose
* Nausea or vomiting
* Diarrhea

We would urge those who present with these symptoms to call 211 or their health care provider.