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COVID-19 Death Toll in East Central District Health Department Counties Reaches 79

[Columbus]—Since East Central District Health Department’s (ECDHD) last press release detailing the confirmed COVID-19 deaths in its jurisdiction of Boone, Colfax, Nance, and Platte counties, there have been 50 additional confirmed COVID-19 deaths. During the time period since the last release in November, the greatest number of COVID-19 deaths in the ECDHD jurisdiction, 25, have occurred in Platte County, but each county has seen multiple fatalities. The deceased ranged in age from 57-years old to 102-years old.

County demographic breakdown of ECDHD jurisdiction COVID-19 related deaths, cases 30-79

- **Boone County:** In Boone County there were a total of six deaths, four of whom were males, ranging in age from 74-years old to 93-years old, and two of whom were females, both 85+ years old.
- **Colfax County:** There were a total of 10 deaths in Colfax County, four of whom were males, ranging in age from 59-years old to 85-years old and; six of whom were females, ranging in age from 57-years old to 93-years old.
- **Nance County:** Nance County saw a total of nine deaths during this time, six of whom were male, ranging in age from 64-years old to 102-years old, and; three of whom were women, ranging in age from 60-years old to 71-years old.
- **Platte County:** Platte County experienced 25 total COVID-19 related deaths during this period, 19 males who ranged in age from 65-years old to 92-years old, and; six females who ranged in age from 70-years old to 92-years old.

To continue to slow the spread of COVID-19 within the health district, residents are strongly urged to stay home if they are sick, to wear a mask when in public, or if there are sick persons in their home, to maintain at least 6 ft. of distance from others, and avoid large gatherings. ECDHD also asks that those with laboratory confirmed COVID-19 reach out to their close contacts—those that were within 6 ft for more than 15 minutes without a mask 48 hours before symptoms began.

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