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### **COVID-19 Death Total in Four Counties of East Central District Reaches 30**

[Columbus]—Since May 5, 2020, when the first death was reported, the four counties that make up the East Central District Health Department (ECDHD) jurisdiction (Boone, Colfax, Nance and Platte), have experienced a total of 30 COVID-19 related deaths. Twenty of those deaths have occurred since October 1. The deceased ranged in age from 11-years old to 96-years old.

#### **A monthly demographic breakdown of ECDHD jurisdiction COVID-19 related deaths**

- **May.** There were six deaths, a 63-year old male, a 38-year old male, a 41-year old male, and a 75-year old male, a 46-year old female, and a 95-year old female. Four of the deceased were from Colfax County, two were from Platte County.
- **June.** One death, in Platte County, a male, 29-years old.
- **July.** No deaths were reported.
- **August.** One death, a 59-year old male, from Colfax County.
- **September.** Two deaths were reported, a 70-year old female from Platte County, and a 70-year old male from Boone County.
- **October.** Fourteen deaths were reported in the District, 10 in Platte County, and four in Colfax County. The deceased included an 85-year old female, a 90-year old female, an 81-year old female, an 86-year old female, a 55-year old female, an 89-year old female, a 79-year old female, an 88-year old female, a 77-year old female, an 80-year old female, an 86-year old male, a 77-year old male, an 83-year old male, and an 11-year old male.
- **November.** Through today, there have been six deaths reported, four in Platte County, one in Colfax County, and one in Nance County. The deceased included a 96-year old male, a 65-year old male, an 82-year old male, a 32-year old male, an 82-year old male, and an 85-year old female.

Because of the growing number of COVID-19 fatalities in the ECDHD jurisdiction and around the state, the lag time between the patient's death and its official certification and notification to the health district has increased.

COVID-19 cases in the ECDHD area continue to surge, with 104 new cases reported in the past 24 hours. At this writing, there are 34 COVID-19 patients hospitalized across the health district, and two ICU beds are available.

All area residents are encouraged to follow best practices to prevent virus spread, including wearing a mask any time they are in public; quarantining or isolating if they are exhibiting symptoms or have been diagnosed with COVID-19; washing hands for 20 seconds using soap and water, or a hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available; and keeping a social distance of at least six feet between themselves and others.

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