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Date: Nov. 9, 2020
To: All Media
From: Dr. Mimi McDonell, Health Officer
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Subject: **14th Death at Flagstone connected to COVID-19 outbreak**

Sadly, one of the memory care residents at Flagstone Senior Living who had contracted COVID-19 in mid-September passed away Nov. 1. That marks the 14th COVID-related death at the facility and brings Wasco County's total deaths to 17.

Under Oregon Health Authority investigative guidelines, a death is considered to be related to COVID-19 if it occurs within 60 days of exposure to a confirmed case, onset of symptoms, or date of the person's first positive test.

The outbreak at Flagstone began in mid-September, involved 51 COVID cases, and was resolved late last month. Outbreaks are considered resolved when two incubation periods have passed after the onset of symptoms in the last reported case. For COVID-19, this time frame is 28 days. The last case at Flagstone was reported on Oct. 1.

We would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Flagstone staff. They endured long, demanding hours and remained steadfast in caring for some of the most fragile members of our community. Our hearts go out to the family and friends who have lost a loved one during this time.

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