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TWO ADDITIONAL COVID-19 DEATHS

Santa Cruz County, Calif. –Santa Cruz County Public Health regrets to announce two additional deaths related to COVID-19.

The first individual was a Caucasian female in her mid-60s with underlying medical conditions who passed away September 3rd. The cause of death was determined to be COVID-19 by the Santa Cruz County Coroner. The second individual was also a Caucasian female in her early 70s with underlying medical conditions who passed away September 24th. In both cases, the infections were community-acquired.

These deaths are the 214th and 215th in Santa Cruz County attributable to COVID-19. The County offers its condolences to families of these individuals.

These deaths also represent the first in the County among vaccinated individuals. Both had significant underlying conditions that contributed to their deaths. If individuals have underlying medical conditions or are immunocompromised, Santa Cruz Public Health recommends getting an additional dose COVID-19 as soon as possible. Vaccination greatly reduces the risk of hospitalization and death, and reduces the risk of passing the virus on to others.

Eligible unvaccinated residents are encouraged to get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.

Visit www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirusvaccine or

www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirusvacuna for information on obtaining a free vaccine.

Individuals interested in having a vaccine delivered to their home may fill out the homebound vaccine form, accessible at <https://tinyurl.com/yzz3thj9>.

For local information on COVID-19, go to www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirus or call (831) 454-4242 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.