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## ADDITIONAL COVID-19 DEATH

**Santa Cruz County, Calif.** –Santa Cruz County Public Health regrets to announce an additional death attributed to COVID-19.

The individual was a Latino male in his early 50s with underlying health conditions who was not vaccinated against COVID-19. The cause of death was determined to be COVID-19, and the County offers its condolences to family of this individual.

This is the 217th death in the County due to the coronavirus pandemic. This individual's infection was likely community acquired.

"This death and almost all others are particularly tragic since vaccination makes almost all of these deaths preventable" says Dr. David Ghilarducci, Deputy Health Officer.

All residents who are qualify for a booster shot, or who are eligible for an additional dose because they are immunocompromised, are urged to contact their health care provider or a local pharmacy to schedule an additional vaccine. Eligible unvaccinated residents should also get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible. These vaccines are free, safe and highly effective.

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.

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