



COVID – 19 Community Update

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Teton Community officials met today and solidified a new communications plan that will include a more concise medically based daily press release along with a COVID-19 virtual hub where all pandemic information will be housed for local governments and partnering agencies. We will be implementing that new plan over the next few days. We thank you for doing your part to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. .

Teton Valley Strong!

CASE UPDATE: Most recent data at the time of publication from <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>

COVID-19 in Idaho

*Case count and laboratory testing data updated at 5:00 p.m. MT, 3/24/2020. Demographic data to be updated every Friday at 5:00 p.m. MT. State-level case count data will be updated at 5 p.m. MT daily, based on surveillance system records provided by the health districts. Public health district data will be updated on their agency website at their discretion.

Public Health District	County	Cases	Deaths
Panhandle Health District	Kootenai	3	0
Southwest District Health	Canyon	4	0
Central District Health	Ada	15	0
	Valley	1	0
South Central Public Health District	Blaine	21	0
	Twin Falls	1	0
Southeastern Idaho Public Health	Bingham	1	0
Eastern Idaho Public Health	Madison	2	0
	Jefferson	2	0
	Teton	2	0

TOTAL

52

0

COVID-19 Testing in Idaho

Number of people tested through the Idaho Bureau of Laboratories* 1,089

Number of people tested through commercial laboratories** 540

AGENCY UPDATES:

Eastern Idaho Public Health (EIPH)

1. Two new cases today (3/24). Both in Jefferson County. Health District total is 6 cases (2 in Teton Co., 2 in Madison County, and 2 in Jefferson Co.)

Teton Valley Health (TVH) – no updates for tonight.

Public Sewer System Update:

There are reports of people using alternatives to toilet paper and flushing those products down the toilet. **Please do not flush anything down the toilet except for toilet paper.** Many items (wipes of any kind, paper towels, facial tissue) labeled as flushable or disposable do not degrade enough and result in nasty and costly backups in homes, businesses, and the public sewer system. Wipes of any kind, feminine products, condoms, diapers, toilet bowl scrub pads, swiffers, napkins, dental floss, food scraps like egg shells, coffee grounds, peels, fats, oil, grease, wash cloths, rags, clothing, plastic of any kind, medication, kitty litter, and cigarette butts all go in the trash can, not our sewer pipes.

Teton County:

1. **Teton County strongly encouraging everyone to self-isolate. This means avoid interacting, gathering, travelling, or meeting with anyone else (not a part of your household) for a period of at least two weeks (currently April 5).**
2. Remember, you cannot get COVID-19 without coming in contact with someone who has it or touching a contaminated surface. Please do your part to help prevent the spread of this serious illness.
3. Teton County Facilities have been closed to the general public with the exception to the Courts and the Transfer station. The Transfer station is only taking payment by credit cards and accounts only and is no longer accepting cash. All other County business should be conducted on line, by phone or by mail.

For more information for Teton County please visit tetoncountyidaho.gov, or contact Public Information Officer Holly Powers at 208-354-8775, or hpowers@co.teton.id.us.

City of Driggs:

1. **The City of Driggs is strongly encouraging everyone to self-isolate. This means avoid interacting, gathering, travelling, or meeting with anyone else (not a part of your household) for a period of at least two weeks (currently April 5).**
2. According to [City Resolution 367-20](#), the following requirements apply in the City of Driggs: ***These regulations will be strictly enforced:***
 - a. No gatherings of 10 or more unrelated people in the City of Driggs, including in any business, or other meeting place;
 - b. Restaurants in the City are required to close their dining rooms, and may only offer curbside take-out, no patrons allowed in restaurants (even waiting for food.)

- c. No unpackaged self-serve food or beverages allowed;
 - d. Additional requirements apply, so see [Driggs City website](#) for more information.
 - e. Exemptions for Hospital and Health Care, Government Meetings, Grocery Stores (adhere to c above) and meal distribution apply.
3. City operations continue. City offices are closed, except for phone, email, and online meetings. All group events at Driggs Community Center have been cancelled or postponed, TISA, Seniors, Rock Gym, and GeoCenter have all closed or limited access to their facilities. Please contact them directly if you have any questions.
 4. All public meetings have been continued (postponed) please see the updates on the City Website.
 5. Driggs Reed Memorial Airport remains open for aviation access only at this time. Warbirds Restaurant is closed and there are no flight training operations.
 6. Driggs City Parks remain open per normal hours. We encourage people to get outside, and move their bodies - just avoid groups. Be advised that, although our restrooms are being cleaned, playgrounds are not receiving any special attention at this time.
 7. The City would like to emphasize that city water remains completely safe. There is no possibility of contamination of the city water supply.
 8. For staff contacts and the latest information from the City of Driggs, please see our website at www.DriggsIdaho.org.

For more information, please contact Mayor Johnson at MayorJohnson@DriggsIdaho.org, or 208-354-2362 ext 2107, or visit the City Website at www.DriggsIdaho.org.

City of Victor:

1. **The City of Victor strongly encourages everyone to self-isolate. This means avoid interacting, gathering, travelling, or meeting with anyone else (not a part of your household) for a period of at least two weeks (currently April 5).**
2. In direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Victor City Council unanimously passed an [Emergency Ordinance](#) to prohibit gatherings of 10 or more people, to prohibit dining-in at restaurants and allow CURBSIDE Take-Out Only (patrons are not permitted to go inside of a restaurant for any reason), and to close self-serve food offerings and certain types of facilities to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Victor community.
3. The Victor City Hall facility is closed to the general public through April 1st. Citizens may use online and remote options to make online payments and connect with staff. Please visit <https://www.victorcityidaho.com/> for more information.
4. City Parks remain open and we encourage people to get outside while practicing self-isolation and avoiding groups. Please note that playground equipment, picnic tables, benches and the like are not being cleaned at this time. Users should take personal pre-cautionary measures.
5. The bathrooms at the Depot Pavilion have been temporarily closed to protect the health of the public and our essential public works staff who would need to clean them.
6. Utility bills may also be mailed to the City at PO Box 122, Victor ID 83455 or placed in the drop box at City Hall.
7. The March 25, 2020 City Council meeting has been cancelled.
8. The water supply is safe and is not compromised as a result of COVID-19.

For more information visit victorcityidaho.gov, or contact City Administrator Olivia Goodale at 208-787-2940 x 7 or oliviag@victorcityidaho.com

City of Tetonia:

1. City of Tetonia urges people to stay up to date on the CDC recommendations to slow the spread of COVID-19. Limit gatherings to 10 or less people. Practice social distancing of 6 or more feet. Cover your cough with your elbow, wash your hands and try to stay healthy!
2. Tetonia City Hall may have limited office hours over the following weeks. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the payment drop box and online bill pay. Public Works will continue to operate normal hours. This may change as circumstances progress.
3. Please do not flush wipes, paper towels, or any other paper products other than toilet paper.
4. The City of Tetonia water supply is clean and safe and will remain clean and safe.
5. Tetonia City Council is continually monitoring the COVID-19 updates given to us by health officials and will post updates accordingly.

Teton School District 401

1. District: TSD 401 will follow last night's state Board of Education directive regarding a soft closure of schools through April 20. That means students will not be allowed in schools and will continue home-based learning. Teachers may work from their classroom or home, if they are healthy.

Reminder: Neither students nor staff are expected to do school work on Friday, March 27, (previously on the calendar as Parent-Teacher conferences) nor through Spring Break, March 30-April

2. Free meals for those aged 1-18 will be provided during Spring Break; stay tuned for more details. TSD 401 provided 558 free meals today. The link to sign up for meals for this week is through the district's website (tsd401.org) or at this link -- please remember to choose your pickup location.

-end of agency updates-

FOOD, SUPPLIES, AND OTHER RESOURCES:

For the safety of all, please do not go to any stores if you or a member of your household have any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, or not feeling well OR if you have been in contact with someone with known or suspected coronavirus.

Drug Stores:

1. Corner Drug (Driggs): Curbside service only from 9:30am to 5:30 pm Monday thru Friday, Closed Saturday. Credit Card phone payments only to reduce interaction. Curbside service will be on the north or west side of the building. Please call 208-354-2334 to place orders, make payments and also to let us know when you are outside and we will bring it out to you.
2. Victor Drug: will be open for drive-thru service only 9:30am-6:30pm Monday -Friday and Saturday 9am-5pm. Both locations will remain closed Sunday Use our free RefillRX app to request refills. Please send to the right location for better service. All the info you need is on your label to register with the app

Food Pantry:

The Food Pantry is located just north of Seoul Restaurant and across from the Fairgrounds. They are Suite 103 on the main level at the north end of the Trailhead Building (formerly Ford Garage.)

Temporary Food Distributions Announced

1. We're here to help.
2. We will be open to distribute food every Wednesday evening 5:30pm - 7:00pm and every Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm.
3. For now, we will have prepared bags of food for children, adults and seniors.
4. Also for now we are limiting families to one Pantry visit per week.
5. We are committed to having a safe, secure and steady source of food available for community members in need.
6. The best way for volunteers, or those wanting to deliver food donations, to reach us is by phone (208) 354-1658 or email at foodbank@silverstar.com. You may also leave food donations in Red Bins with our logo, which are at Broulims, Barrels & Bins and at the Pantry site. Please check our website homepage for our current needs list or to make a donation.

Grocery Stores:

1. Broulims Customers can obtain one package of toilet paper at the customer services counter while supplies last, no other products are limited. **NEW** Seniors Hours 6am to 7am.
2. Barrels and Bins: New curbside services offered. Visit: <https://barrelsandbins.market/special-orders/> Home delivery and curb side pick up will have a nominal fee, however they are offering these services for FREE for any community members who are 60 or older, immune-compromised, or pregnant.
3. Victor Valley Market: Credit Card purchases only. New supplies have arrived! No limits on purchases.