



COVID – 19 Community Update March 18, 2020 6:00 PM



Teton County officials and partnering agencies continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic. Please remain calm and do not panic. Every measure is being taken to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our citizens during this difficult time.

Case Update:

As of today, there is one newly confirmed case in Blaine County bringing the total number of confirmed cases in Idaho to nine. Teton County’s confirmed cases remains at one.

Idaho COVID-19 public health monitoring and testing*

Total number of people monitored by Idaho public health (past & present)	78
Number of people no longer being monitored by public health	43
Number of people tested through the Idaho Bureau of Laboratories [‡]	343
Number of people tested through commercial laboratories [‡]	125
Total number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in Idaho**	9

* Data as of 8:30 a.m. MT 3/18/2020

** Counties with confirmed cases include Ada (3), Blaine (4), Madison (1), and Teton (1)

‡ Includes 4 Oregon residents and 1 Montana resident tested in Idaho

AGENCY UPDATES:

Eastern Idaho Public Health (EIPH)

1. There is still only one confirmed case of COVID-19 in Teton County. Testing results are pending on a close contact of the case who became symptomatic. This test result is expected any time. The epidemiological investigation did identify other close contacts of the case, but these individuals have **not** experienced symptoms; however, they are in isolation and being monitored by EIPH.

City and County Park Information:

City and County Parks remain open per normal hours. We encourage people to get outside, and move their bodies - just avoid groups. Be advised that, although restrooms are being cleaned, playgrounds are not receiving any special attention at this time.

Teton County:

1. The County continues to work with the cities of Driggs, Victor, and Tetonia, to take all necessary steps to protect the citizens of our community. In that regard, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners has declared a state of emergency for Teton County along with the Cities of Driggs, Victor, and Tetonia. A declaration of emergency opens up the opportunity for funding and other resources should they become necessary.
1. The County asks that citizens conduct as much County business as possible on-line or by telephone. For details on what services may be accessed remotely please visit:
https://www.tetoncountyidaho.gov/use_images/howtoaccesscountyservicesduringcovid031820.pdf

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

City of Driggs:

2. For the latest information from the City of Driggs, please see our website at www.DriggsIdaho.org.
3. The Mayor has declared a state of emergency in conjunction with Teton County and the Cities of Victor and Tetonia. Under this Declaration, the City strongly recommends the following:
 - a. No gatherings or meetings of more than 10 persons at any time within the city; and
 - b. Restaurants are requested to close their dining rooms, offering take-out only, per CDC recommendations.
4. City Offices remain open by appointment only. (Some city staff are encouraged to work remotely. Please call ahead to schedule, or use online methods.) All public meetings have been continued (postponed) until we can set up safe and functional remote meeting options.
5. All group events at Driggs Community Center have been cancelled or postponed, but the building remains open during business hours. TISA, Seniors, Rock Gym, and GeoCenter have all closed or limited access to their facilities. Please contact them directly if you have any questions.
6. Driggs Reed Memorial Airport remains open for aviation access only at this time.
7. 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.
8. The City would like to emphasize that city water remains completely safe. There is no possibility of contamination of the city water supply.
9. Please do not flush anything down toilets except toilet paper!

For questions or concerns regarding this information, please contact Mayor Johnson at MayorJohnson@DriggsIdaho.org, or 208-354-2362 ext 2107.

City of Victor:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The March 17, 2020 Victor Planning Commission and March 25, 2020 City Council meetings have been cancelled.
4. The water supply is safe and is not compromised as a result of COVID-19.
5. Please do not flush wipes, paper towels, or any paper products other than toilet paper.

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. The City Council will hold an emergency meeting Wednesday March 18 at 7 PM to discuss the COVID-19 response.

2. Teton 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 Teton water supply is clean and safe and will remain clean and safe.

Any questions or concerns can be emailed to clerk@cityoftetonia.com or call City Hall at 208-456-2249.

Teton County Sheriff's Office:

1. In response to keeping our customers and employees at minimum risk from the COVID19 outbreak, we are closing the Sheriff's Office doors to the public until further notice. Emergency Services are still up and running, we are just closing non-essential services at this time.
2. For emergencies, please dial 9-1-1. We are still available by phone 24/7 at 208-354- 2323 for non-emergency calls as well. - On 03/17/2020, Idaho Transportation Department announced an extension on all Idaho credentials except CDL's with a hazmat endorsement.
3. Effective immediately, ITD has extended all Driver's Licenses, Driver's Training Permits, Instruction Permits, Commercial Learner's Permits, Identification Cards, and Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL) without a hazmat endorsement that are expired or will expire between March 1, 2020 and May 31, 2020, to be valid until June 30, 2020. During this time, CDL holders will still need to comply with medical examiner certificate requirements to be considered valid. - Some credentials can be renewed online at ITD.Idaho.gov
4. We are available for appointment only for CDL drivers who need Hazmat testing. We will also register your DOT Medical cards if you come to the door between 8 AM and 5 PM Monday through Thursday only. - We will have print outs of ITD's Notice of Emergency Extension for you to carry with your Driver's License they will be available at the front entrance of the LEC building.
5. For more information contact Administrative Manager Mitch Golden at 208-354-8788.

Teton School District 401:

1. Our secondary schools are completing plans for online curriculum delivery, establishing protocols for distribution of Chromebooks to parents for student use, and have made packets for students who do not have access to the Internet.
2. Custodians are continuing to disinfect and have started to lock up areas to keep people out once they're deep-cleaned.
3. About 200 meals, 100 each of breakfast and lunch, were served today, the second day of the free-meals kitchen-to-curb program at Driggs Elementary.
4. The district IT department has been setting up school phones for remote work; those who call offices will likely hear a different message than they might be used to when calling the schools.

During the Coronavirus crisis, the school district will be providing daily updates on its Facebook page and on its Website, tsd401.org.

United States Forest Service

1. Opportunities exist on Teton Basin Ranger District to socially distance yourself and enjoy the outdoors. Teton Valley Trails and Pathways (TVTAP), Grooming District #33, and the US Forest Service continue to groom trails around the valley. TVTAP and Forest Service grooming updates can be found on TVTAP's website: <https://tvtap.org/nordic-grooming/>.
2. While we encourage you to use ski's or snowshoes, if you want to get out and go for a walk, South Leigh and Darby provide great opportunities. Both routes are groomed for snowmobiles and the compacted surface is great for walking. Walking on compacted snow is best done in the morning before the trail begins to warm. Be aware that as groomed trails warm they become soft and travel gets more difficult. Plan your walk so that you are back to your vehicle before the warmth of the day has a chance to soften the snow.

Please contact the Teton Basin Ranger District at 208-354-2312 if you have questions or need additional information.