



COVID – 19 Community Update

March 19, 2020 6:00 PM



Hello Teton County Community! Your local officials and agencies continue to work diligently to protect our citizens from the spread of COVID-19. Please continue to remain calm. Health officials report that the risk of contracting COVID-19 in Eastern Idaho still remains low. Let’s stick together to reduce the spread of the virus to our community. **Teton Valley Strong!**

Case Update:

*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** (as of 6:15 p.m. March 18)	11

* Data as of 8:30 a.m. MT 3/18/2020. State-level data will be updated at 5 p.m. daily. Health district data will be updated on their websites at their discretion.

** Counties with confirmed cases include Ada (3), Blaine (5), Madison (1), Teton (1), Twin Falls (1)

AGENCY UPDATES:

Eastern Idaho Public Health (EIPH)

- EIPH received the one pending test result today for the close contact of the positive case from Teton County. It was **NEGATIVE!**
 Hotline: 208-522-0310 or 855-533-3160 (toll free)
 Website: www.EIPH.Idaho.gov/
 Facebook: @EIPH.Idaho

Teton Valley Health (TVH)

- TVH received two additional test results today (in addition to the EIPH notification) and both were negative
- TVH has closed the See n Save Thrift Store, effective today, until further notice

Teton County:

- The Teton County Board of County Commissioners will meet in an Emergency meeting tomorrow Friday March 20, 2020 at 10:00 am to consider an ordinance that would enforce restrictions on certain businesses and group gatherings of more than 10 people in response to the recently passed Emergency Declaration for COVID-19. You may listen to the meeting on the Teton County website at www.tetoncountyidaho.gov.

2. The County will begin limiting all public access to County facilities with the exception to the Courts and Transfer Station beginning Friday March 20, 2020. Details are forthcoming and will be posted on the County website and Facebook pages.
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:

1. The City Council has extended the Emergency Declaration of the Mayor to require the following. [See full text here](#). **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, and School Food Distribution apply.
2. City Offices remain open by appointment only. (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.
3. 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.
4. Driggs Reed Memorial Airport remains open for aviation access only at this time.
5. 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.
6. The City would like to emphasize that city water remains completely safe. There is no possibility of contamination of the city water supply.
7. Please do not flush anything down toilets except toilet paper!
8. For the latest information from the City of Driggs, please see our website at www.DriggsIdaho.org.

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. On March 18, 2020, Chair Riegel, Mayor Frohlich, Mayor Johnson, and Mayor Hoopes signed a Joint Emergency Declaration for Teton County, Idaho and the Cities of Teton, Driggs, and Victor. The Victor City Council subsequently extended the declaration through April 30, 2020 on behalf of the Victor community.
2. In direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 19, 2020, the Victor City Council unanimously passed an Emergency Ordinance to limit gatherings of 10 or more people, to restrict dining-in at restaurants, and to close self-serve food offerings and certain types of facilities to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Victor community. The principal provisions of the Ordinance are as follows:
 - a. Gatherings of 10 people or more are prohibited except for within businesses and the hospital. All businesses that remain open must accommodate all employees and patrons with at least six (6) feet of separation from one another. Hospitals and health clinics, school district food services, and government buildings while conducting public meetings are exempt from this requirement.
 - b. Restaurants may provide curbside take out or drive thru food service only provided certain precautionary procedures are followed as listed in the Ordinance.
 - c. The following facilities are hereby closed: All theaters (film or stage); Bars, Nightclubs/Saloons/Taverns or Tasting Rooms; All coffee/tea shops, except for drive-through, or take-out service; Self-serve or staff-served buffets or Salad bars; Unpackaged self-serve food services; All communal pools, hot tubs, locker rooms, saunas, steam rooms, fitness centers, gyms, conference rooms, and spas; All museums.

- d. This Ordinance is effective through April 30, 2020 but it will be repealed sooner should circumstances warrant.

View the Ordinance in full at https://www.victorcityidaho.com/alert_detail.php

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. 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.
 5. The March 25, 2020 City Council meetings have been cancelled.
 6. 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 Teton:

1. At this time Teton has decided that all of our businesses are voluntarily following recommendations by Governor Little or are staying open for essential services. Therefore, Teton City Council did not see a need to create an ordinance at this time. We will continue to monitor daily and reevaluate as needed.
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 School District 401:

1. The Board of Trustees is holding a special meeting tonight at 6 pm to hear updates on COVID-19. The meeting will be livestreamed on the district's Facebook page; most board members will be calling in to attend rather than being there in person. Public comment is not included on the agenda, and will not be taken.
2. TSD 401 is now serving free meals to anyone aged 1-18 at three locations: the new Driggs Elementary, the new Victor Elementary, and Teton Elementary. Families need to sign up before midnight, at <https://forms.gle/j22ji3a8hJTiEvM7>. This is an updated link to include all three sites and meals every day from Friday, March 20 - Friday, March 27. Free meals will not be made available during Spring Break.

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

Teton Regional Economic Coalition (TREC)

Here is a summary of resources and information for Teton Valley businesses. There's a ton of information available here that can help you, your business, and your employees make it through these tough times. Please take the time to review it. If we've missed anything, please email brianm@trec-biz.org

1. State of Idaho: <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>
2. U.S. Small Business Administration: https://www.sba.gov/page/guidance-businesses-employers-plan-respond-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19?fbclid=IwAR2zeLVQjE2RB-YYuZ17xegEH8itQq5x_F2YMRGT5pjUP-EhoG2fldqzPKc

The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved an Economic Injury Disaster Loan Assistance fund for small businesses impacted by COVID-19. In order for Idaho and our region to become eligible for assistance, affected Idaho businesses need to file an Economic Injury Worksheet. In our state, this effort is being led by the Idaho Department of Commerce. The Economic Injury Worksheet and other information regarding the assistance can be found on the Department of Commerce's COVID-19 webpage. The assistance is available to both for and not-for profit

businesses. Even if you do not plan to apply for financial assistance, completing and submitting the form is helpful in assisting other Eastern Idaho businesses who may apply. Jerry Miller at the Idaho Department of Commerce is the point of contact for this effort and who the completed forms can be sent to. His contact information is jerry.miller@commerce.idaho.gov, (208)-287-0780. <https://commerce.idaho.gov/>

3. The Teton Valley News will run as a courtesy to your business new plans/new hours/changes in operation, in light of the COVID-19 health emergency in their online and print products. Please email Jeannette Boner with your information at editor@tetonvalleynews.net. Print deadline, Monday at 5 p.m. Online: https://www.tetonvalleynews.net/news/teton-valley-business-closures-and-updates/article_767bdaaa-8155-5a2f-96d9-eec47070f4d2.html
4. Idaho Department of Labor: All Labor Services Currently are Available Online or by Phone Only. Need Help Filing for Unemployment Insurance Benefits?
File for unemployment insurance online at labor.idaho.gov/ClaimantPortal or get help with your application by calling **(208) 332-8942**.
5. Coronavirus-related unemployment insurance FAQs on our blog at idahoatwork.com/2020/03/18/faqs-about-unemployment-insurance-and-covid-19/
6. View general unemployment insurance FAQs on our website at labor.idaho.gov/dnn/Unemployment-Benefits/Questions-Answers.
7. **Contact your nearest Labor One-Stop office for more information: Idaho Falls: (208) 557-2500**
Additional resources:
<https://www.mainstreet.org/howwecanhelp/resourcecenter/covid19resources>
<https://restaurant.org/Covid19>