



COVID – 19 Community Update March 22, 2020 6:00 PM



Teton County Community officials are continuing to meet throughout the weekend to bring you the most current information on the status of COVID-19 in our community. Practicing social distancing and self-isolation are ways to protect all of us from the spread of this very contagious virus. We implore you to do your part in stopping the spread of COVID-19 and together, we will get through this.

Teton Valley Strong!

CASE UPDATE: Most recent data at the time of publication from <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>
Not available at time of DRAFT release.

AGENCY UPDATES:

Eastern Idaho Public Health (EIPH)

1. We were made aware of some positive cases of COVID-19 in other areas of the state that are related to recent travel to Blaine County, Idaho between March 8-22. **If residents of Teton County (or any other counties within EIPH's jurisdiction – Bonneville, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, or Madison) traveled to and spent an extended amount of time there or had 10 minutes of close contact with someone exhibiting symptoms, please call EIPH's COVID-19 Hotline (208-522-0310 or toll free 855-533-3160) on Monday after 8:00 a.m. for information and further instructions. Please see attached press release at the end of this update.** Our policy moving forward is that we will only report on confirmed positive COVID-19 cases.
2. We had two additional cases this weekend; one in Teton County and one in Madison County. The press release announcing these can be found on our website at www.EIPH.Idaho.gov.
3. For educational purchases, when a COVID-19 case is confirmed positive, the epidemiological investigation is conducted by the health district of where the person who tested positive resides, not the health district in which the healthcare provider/hospital is located.
4. The website where the Idaho COVID-19 case counts are listed along with the number of people being tested is <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>. The State updates this website one time/day, around 5:00 p.m. If public health announces a case to the public after 5:00 p.m., that will not be counted until the following day. This information is being provided to help reduce confusion of how many cases we actually have in the state and individual counties.

Teton Valley Health (TVH)

1. We continue to offer a nurse phone line (208) 354-2383 for individuals with questions about COVID-19 and testing.
2. Our clinics will be open regular hours this week.

Teton County:

1. Teton County encourages the public to self-isolate until April 5 to the extent possible. Activities such as going to the grocery store, gas station, place of employment, etc. are considered essential and should continue. However, congregating with anyone else outside of your household is discouraged. 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.

2. 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, and administrative offices are open by appointment only. (Please call ahead to schedule, or use online methods.)
4. All public meetings have been continued (postponed) until we can set up safe and functional remote meeting options. Watch our website for updates.
5. All group events at Driggs Community Center have been cancelled or postponed, and the building will be locked 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!
10. 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. The City of Victor also strongly encourages self-isolation with the exception to essential activities as noted above.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The March 25, 2020 City Council meetings have been cancelled.
5. The water supply is safe and is not compromised as a result of COVID-19.
6. 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

Teton School District 401

1. TSD 401 is meeting a critical community need through its free meals program, having served more than 1,000 meals last week.
2. We appreciate our staffs' efforts to stand up alternative educational delivery in as effective a manner as possible. Students should have what they need for the next four days. If you have questions, contact your child's teacher or principal.
3. Staff will continue to practice social distancing and other CDC guidelines while working to deep clean the buildings and meet our students needs. Anyone who is feeling unwell should NOT report to work; your supervisor may have tasks you can accomplish at home.
4. Child Nutrition: If your family's income has changed because of the COVID-19 closures, please fill out an application for free/reduced meals. It will be good through the end of the year and into the first month of the 2020-2021 school year. (Doing so is also critical to the district qualifying for the Summer Meals program.) Contact Kathy Rowbury for more information: krowbury@d401.k12.id.us, or call [208-228-5723](tel:208-228-5723).

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 building.

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.
2. Barrels and Bins:
New curb side services offered. Visit: <https://barrelsandbins.market/special-orders/>

Home delivery and curbside 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.

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EIPH Attachment regarding recent travel to Blaine County

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Recently confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ada County indicate likely connection to Blaine County;

Central District Health reports first Valley County case with connection to Blaine County travel

Central District Health (CDH) is asking anyone with recent travel to Blaine County, Idaho in the past two weeks (March 8 through March 22) to shelter in place. This, after three Ada County residents and one Valley County resident tested positive for COVID-19, and confirmed travel and time spent in Blaine County.

Sheltering in place is not an official mandate, but asks that people stay at home, except to get necessary medical care, monitor their symptoms, and avoid close contact with anyone for 14 days after their last potential exposure date. After that time, and provided individuals are completely symptom-free, then they can then follow recommendations CDH is providing to the general community for COVID-19.

"While this is guidance, and not an official order, we are strongly urging any community members this applies to, to do the right thing. This also applies to anyone who has traveled to states or areas outside of Idaho that are currently under shelter in place orders or where there is widespread transmission of COVID-19," said Russ Duke, District Director for Central District Health. "We all have a personal responsibility to do the right thing to protect ourselves, our community and the entire state of Idaho," said Duke.

Community spread of COVID-19 in Blaine County was confirmed on March 19, 2020 and on March 20, the county was put under a shelter-in-place order by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to help limit the virus from spreading within Blaine County and surrounding communities.

Within Central District Health's jurisdiction of Ada, Boise, Elmore and Valley Counties, there have been 14 confirmed COVID-19 cases to-date. So far, those cases indicate a connection to travel. However, given frequent travel among Idahoans across county lines, community transmission within our counties is likely at some point.

To slow the spread of the virus, everyone should take the following recommended actions:

- Practice social distancing: avoid crowds, maintain at least 6 feet from others when possible
- Decrease time in group settings when possible
- Limit unnecessary travel
- Consider postponing or canceling out of town vacations and travel out of state
- Use drive through and delivery services for everyday errands where possible
- Persons at increased risk of severe illness should consider sheltering in place
 - Only leave your home for "essential activities," to work for an "essential business," or for "essential travel." Do not host or attend any gatherings

- Persons with recent travel to an area having widespread community transmission or a shelter in place order should shelter in place at home until 14 days after return.
- Create a plan for how to safely care for a household member if they become ill

Additional information on how to slow the spread of COVID-19 in homes can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html>.

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