



Teton Valley Health
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Press Release - For Immediate Release

Thursday April 9, 2020 6:30 PM

EASTERN IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH (EIPH) - (excerpt from their daily update on eiph.idaho.gov)

- Case #28: We are reporting a positive COVID-19 test result for a male in his 50s in Bonneville County. This individual was not hospitalized and is recovering at home. Community spread of COVID-19 is identified.
- Case #29: We are reporting a positive COVID-19 test result for a male in his 40s in Bonneville County. This individual was not hospitalized and is recovering at home. This individual had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- Case #30: We are reporting a positive COVID-19 test result for a female in her 30s in Bonneville County. This individual was not hospitalized and is recovering at home. Community spread of COVID-19 is identified.

TETON VALLEY HEALTH (TVH) - Thank you Cushman Family Foundation for aid during COVID-19 Crisis

Teton Valley Health would like to thank the Cushman Family Foundation for their support and assistance on acquiring the Abbott ID NOW™ (COVID-19 Rapid Test) equipment and test kits. Under the current contract TVH will receive almost 1,000 COVID-19 test kits over the next three months. The Cushman Family Foundation and specifically the efforts of John Cushman III were instrumental in arranging for and paying for this equipment.

“Without the efforts of John Cushman and his dedication and support of the people of this Valley, TVH would not have been able to obtain this equipment”, said Keith Gnagey, CEO of TVH. “The Cushman family have been in this Valley for forty years and have always worked to make the Valley better.”

TVH was informed, today, April 9th, 2020, that we will be receiving this equipment and the initial 312 test kits this week. We expect to complete equipment testing and validation by next week. This opportunity will allow TVH to increase testing capacity and better identify the presence of COVID-19 in the Valley. This is a quick test producing results in as little as 15 minutes and does not require sending the samples to other labs.

The equipment is not on location yet, but as soon as TVH receives it, tests it and the staff is properly trained, we will inform the community about new expanded testing protocols.

We are very grateful and embrace the opportunity to better serve our community.

STATISTICS UPDATE

World Update

1,599,077 total cases

95,489 deaths

81,054 new cases in last 24 hrs

National Update

465,240 total cases

16,512 deaths

30,313 new cases in last 24 hrs

Idaho Update

1,353 total cases

24 deaths

121 cases since yesterday

Additional data for Idaho: there have been 127 hospitalizations across the state and a total of 13,094 people have been tested for COVID-19.

CITIES AND COUNTY NEWS

City of Victor - During its April 8, 2020 meeting, the Victor City Council approved additional measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 including self-quarantine requirements for those coming from areas outside of the broad region and limitations on short term rentals. The Council also directed that the City undergo an education campaign outlining best practices for construction projects within city limits such as staggering sub-contractors, sanitation methods, and trash management. More information and the ordinances are available online on the City of Victor website at https://www.victorcityidaho.com/agenda_details_T12_R211.php.

Teton County - Teton County Commissioners will meet again tomorrow April 10 at 9:00 am to revisit the building department policy for construction sites and business practices for County businesses during COVID-19. They will also discuss the possibility of contributing face coverings to essential businesses and transportation providers. A proposed ordinance placing restrictions on visitation and short term rentals will also be discussed. You may listen to a live stream of the meeting at www.tetoncountyidaho.org.

The City of Driggs will continue to monitor whether construction sites are compliant with the Governor's Order, and the City's Declaration of Emergency, and the CDC recommendations, and will address any further concerns as they may arise.

The City of Tetonia will be discussing construction restrictions at their next meeting on April 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm. It will be a virtual meeting and all meeting details will be posted on the City of Tetonia website by Friday April 10.

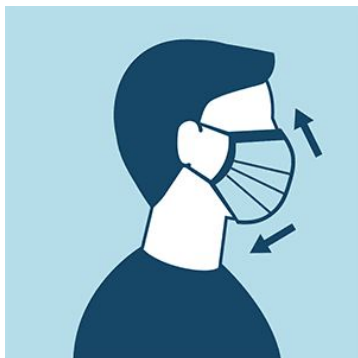
CDC - Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 ([full article](#))

To ensure continuity of operations of essential functions, CDC advises that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community.

Critical Infrastructure workers who have had an exposure but remain asymptomatic should adhere to the following practices prior to and during their work shift:

- Pre-Screen: Employers should measure the employee's temperature and assess symptoms prior to them starting work. Ideally, temperature checks should happen before the individual enters the facility.
- Regular Monitoring: As long as the employee doesn't have a temperature or symptoms, they should self-monitor under the supervision of their employer's occupational health program.
- Wear a Mask: The employee should wear a face mask at all times while in the workplace for 14 days after last exposure. Employers can issue facemasks or can approve employees' supplied cloth face coverings in the event of shortages.
- Social Distance: The employee should maintain 6 feet and practice social distancing as work duties permit in the workplace.
- Disinfect and Clean work spaces: Clean and disinfect all areas such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, shared electronic equipment routinely.

How to Wear a Cloth Face Covering



Cloth face coverings should—

- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- Be secured with ties or ear loops
- Include multiple layers of fabric
- Allow for breathing without restriction
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

For more information on face coverings please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

PRIMARY ELECTION VOTING DURING COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic voting in the May 19 Primary Election is **only available** by casting an absentee ballot. For details on how to vote absentee visit: <https://idahovotes.gov/vote-early-idaho/>

US CENSUS IS HAPPENING NOW

With everything going on we wanted to remind everyone that the 2020 US Census is happening now. It is important for our community to be accurately accounted for in the census for the following reasons:

- Fair share of government money for public services
- Fair representation in Congress and the legislature

For information on how to complete your census form visit www.2020census.gov

Together, we will make it through this!

TETON VALLEY STRONG!