



Press Release - For Immediate Release

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

Teton County Case: We are reporting a positive COVID-19 test result for a male in his 40s. This individual was not hospitalized and is recovering at home. The case has no recent travel history or contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case. Therefore, community spread of COVID-19 is identified.

Bonneville County Case: We are reporting a positive COVID-19 test result for a male in his 50s. This individual was not hospitalized and is recovering at home. The case has no recent travel history or contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case. Therefore, community spread of COVID-19 is identified.

Epidemiologists with EIPH are investigating both cases. If other people are found to be exposed, health officials will contact them, provide them guidance, and monitor them closely for symptoms.

STATISTICS UPDATE

World Update	National Update	Idaho Update
1,096,684 total cases	276,037 total cases	891 total cases
59,128 deaths	7,385 deaths	9 deaths
81,619 new cases in last 24 hrs	31,160 new cases in last 24 hrs	219 cases since yesterday

“By yesterday afternoon, Blaine County [had reported 312 confirmed cases of COVID-19](#), the disease caused by the coronavirus infection. It’s the most cases of any Idaho county, and numbers show that, per capita, it’s also one of the highest rates of infection in the world”, according to the Idaho Statesman.

As a resort community very similar to Blaine County, Teton County is vulnerable to similar infection rates if we don’t do everything possible to flatten the curve. Community spread is here and surrounds us in all neighboring counties. EIPH, Teton Valley Health, and all partnering agencies, now more than ever, are asking that all members of the community follow the [stay home order mandated by Governor Little](#).

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CDC - Face Coverings

“In light of new evidence, CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission”,

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

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION/JOB SITE POLICY IN PROGRESS

The Board of County Commissioners met today regarding the proposed construction/job site policy and chose to continue the conversation at a new meeting on Monday April 6 at 9:00 am once edits to the policy have been made. You may listen to the meeting by visiting the [Teton County website](#). The cities of Driggs, Teton, and Victor have plans in progress of how they too can reduce the spread of COVID-19 within their city limits at construction sites and elsewhere. Those details are forthcoming.

TETON SCHOOL DISTRICT 401

Next Monday and Tuesday, April 6 and 7, will be Review Days, as faculty and staff evaluate the first four days of home-based learning and analyze parent surveys. Watch for class and school specifics to come from your principal.

TSD 401 will be rolling out its new hotspots, as soon as they are delivered and can be configured.

TSD 401 served more than 2,500 free meals to kids aged 1-18 this week. Families can signup for free meals next week at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxT5amwqEFfNSt4N-wZg60d1SipraZ8ycviUhITPqphoWRVw/viewform>

We wish you a safe and peaceful weekend. COVID-19 coverage will continue on Monday April 6, 2020.

TETON VALLEY STRONG!