



Teton Valley Health
Where Everyone Matters

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GUIDELINES FOR OPENING UP IDAHO

On April 23 Governor Brad Little announced an established data-driven approach to opening up Idaho’s economy. “The approach reduces the risk of COVID-19 to Idaho’s most vulnerable population and preserves capacity in our healthcare system, while opening up businesses safely. From an economic standpoint, Idaho’s rebound from COVID-19 starts with employee and consumer confidence, which leads into business stability and growth and eventually promotion and attraction”.

The plan outlines four phases with criteria that must be met in each phase before moving on to the next. The first phase will begin May 1 allowing most non-essential businesses and places of worship to reopen if strict social distancing restrictions are in place. After a successful phase 1, subsequent phases will be introduced by meeting the following criteria:

Syndromic

Downward trend or low numbers of COVID-19-like illness patient visits as tracked by Emergency Departments within a 14-day period - OR - Downward trend or very low numbers of patients with COVID-19-like illness admitted from Emergency Departments within a 14-day period

Epidemiologic

Downward trend or low levels of documented COVID-19 cases reported within a 14-day period - OR - Downward trend of positive COVID-19 PCR tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period (including flat or increasing volume of tests)

Healthcare

Treat all patients without needing to use crisis standards of care - AND - Available ventilators, intensive care unit beds, and personal protective equipment (PPE) to safely care for additional COVID-19 patients in hospitals are available - AND - Robust COVID-19 testing program is in place for at-risk healthcare workers

To advance to the next stage, all criteria must be met. If the criteria indicates trends are beginning to move the wrong direction, or there is evidence that a stage has adversely impacted rates, stages may have to be extended or reversed.

[Click here](#) to view all guidelines of the 4-phase plan.

Measures put in place by the County and Cities of Driggs, Teton, and Victor closely align with the Governor’s timeline *if criteria is met in each phase*. Your local emergency management team will closely monitor each phase and provide information as quickly as possible as we transition through this process.

Non-essential businesses and places of worship are encouraged to prepare to reopen on May 1 by preparing operational plans that will do the following:

- Maintain social distancing
- Provide adequate sanitation and protective coverings for employees, vendors, and patrons
- Offer curbside and pickup delivery
- Limit number of people in businesses at a time
- Direct flow of people in operation

The Emergency Management Team acknowledges how difficult this situation has been on everyone and thanks you for your diligence in slowing the spread of COVID - 19 and ultimately saving lives in our community.

LOCAL GEMS INITIATIVE - KICK OFF IS TODAY APRIL 24



HOW CAN YOU?
#SUPPORTLOCALGEMS

- Shop local businesses online or over the phone
- Buy a gift card to your favorite local shop
- Order take-out or delivery from local restaurants
- Write a review online, post on social media or simply say thank you

SUPPORT LOCAL GEMS

The graphic features a teal-to-purple gradient background. At the bottom, there is a row of small icons representing various local businesses: a candy shop, a coffee shop, a store, a market, a restaurant, and another store.

Idaho's small businesses are the lifeblood of our communities and the backbone of our state's economy. The COVID-19 pandemic has forced many small businesses across the Gem state to close or significantly reduce the services they provide, threatening livelihoods, creating thousands of job losses, and jeopardizing the future of local businesses across our state.

The Support Local Gems initiative is a statewide public awareness campaign with a simple message to the people of Idaho.

On Friday, April 24, Senator Jim Risch and the Idaho Department of Commerce invite Idahoans to Support Local Gems -- the small businesses in their communities -- by shopping online, purchasing gift cards, ordering food via take-out or delivery, writing an online review, posting a supportive message for their favorite businesses on social media, or just saying thank you to a business in their community. There are many ways to show support, some that don't cost anything. We can each do our part to help support our community businesses when they need it most.

TETON VALLEY HEALTH (TVH), FIRE DISTRICT, SHERIFF



Emergency responders and medical personnel would like to assure the public that there is capacity to deal with all health issues. Please do not hesitate to call 911 in an emergency or the nurse's line (354-2383) to schedule an appointment for care. Medical professionals are standing by to assist you.

RECREATE RESPONSIBLY

Despite COVID-19, many recreational opportunities exist in Idaho's outdoor areas.

Residents are encouraged to get outside but must adhere to [best health practices](#) to prevent virus transmission, including staying at least 6-feet away from others and avoiding groups of people who are not immediate family members or housemates

For details on places you may and may not recreate visit: <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/recreate-responsibly/>

A photograph of a person in a green kayak on a calm lake, surrounded by a dense forest of evergreen trees under a clear blue sky. The person is wearing a hat and a light-colored shirt. The kayak is equipped with gear, including a net and a paddle.

STAY SAFE
STAY CLOSE TO HOME

WE RECOMMEND EXERCISING CLOSE TO YOUR HOME AND COMPLYING WITH LOCAL AND STATE GUIDANCE FOR NOT TRAVELING FOR YOUR RECREATION NEEDS. IF AN AREA IS CROWDED, PLEASE SEARCH FOR A LESS OCCUPIED LOCATION.

FOR MORE ON AVOIDING COVID-19 VISIT WWW.CORONAVIRUS.GOV

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