



**Press Release – For Immediate Release
Friday June 19, 2020**

NEW CASES IN TETON COUNTY

Easterh Idaho Public Health(EIPH) reported three new cases over the last week. One was a male in his 20s that visited the West Side Yard in Victor for several hours on Saturday June 13. He was not hospitalized and is recovering at home. His contacts are currently being monitored. Another unrelated case was reported of a male in his 20s who was also not hospitalized. EIPH is monitoring over a dozen people who had contact with the individual. A third case was reported of a male in his 30s that did have a connection to the case at the West Side Yard in Victor. Details of that case are still pending.

REGIONAL CASES

EIPH has reported 21 new cases in Bonneville County over the last week as well as 2 new cases in Madison County. Teton County Wyoming also reported 6 cases in the last week.

Cases continue to rise throughout the country as most states reopen. Summer travel is in full swing as visitors from all over the country are visiting Teton County. As we welcome tourists to our community, it is imperative to follow recommendations to slow the spread of COVID-19. Slowing the spread of this dangerous illness helps ensure our medical facilities are well equipped to handle all health needs for our community. Please continue to:

- Practice physical distancing (keep 6 feet between individuals)
- Wear face coverings when in public settings
- Regularly wash hands and practice overall good hygiene
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or a sleeve
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Clean and disinfect surfaces regularly
- STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK

IMPORTANCE OF FACE COVERINGS

It is important to wear face coverings while in public settings where physical distancing can be difficult. A World Health Organization (WHO) study lead by Dr. Derek Chu showed that wearing face coverings may reduce the spread of COVID - 19 by 85%. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends wearing face coverings in public settings because the virus can spread between people that are not displaying symptoms meaning people may be spreading the virus before they realize they have it. Face coverings help shield people from droplets containing the virus that can be transmitted while speaking, coughing, or sneezing.

The Teton County Emergency Management Team asks that our citizens follow all of these guidelines in an effort to protect our community. Thank you for doing your part!

Stay safe and have a wonderful weekend!

Teton Valley Strong!