



COVID – 19 Community Update March 16, 2020 7:00 PM



Teton County officials and partnering agencies met again today to discuss the status of COVID -19. It is important to stress that citizens not panic and remain calm. Every measure is being taken to protect our community and health officials still consider the risk of infection in Eastern Idaho to be low. All agencies are working diligently to prevent the spread of COVID – 19 and will continue to keep you informed of the latest developments.

COVID-19 Case Update (data provided by Idaho Governor’s Office at coronavirus.idaho.gov as of 8:25 am 3/16/2020)

*Idaho COVID-19 public health monitoring and testing**

Total number of people monitored by Idaho public health (past & present)	69
Number of people no longer being monitored by public health	38
Number of people tested through the Idaho Bureau of Laboratories†	234
Number of people tested through commercial laboratories†	36
Number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in Idaho	5


General COVID-19 Guidelines

The latest guidelines suggested to keep you, your family, and the public safe during the COVID – 19 pandemic may be found by visiting:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

AGENCY UPDATES:

Eastern Idaho Public Health (EIPH)

1. EIPH has been providing guidance to business, schools, home health care, and others and has been providing Health Care providers with guidance and testing information.
2. There is still only one confirmed case of COVID-19 in Teton County. 

Teton Valley Health Care:

1. Teton Valley Health is open for business with regular hours.
2. There is no delay on medical activities for in-patient or out-patient services.
3. We are testing patients who meet the criteria for testing. Please call 208-354-2383 if you have questions.

Teton County Fire & Rescue:

1. Teton County Fire & Rescue is well trained and logistically prepared to respond to and support this type of infectious disease emergency. They have the resources and procedures in place to protect our personnel and deliver appropriate emergency services to our County and support the needs of our Community Partners as this unfolds.
2. Teton County Fire & Rescue is suspending business travel, multi-crew training, participation in community events and other nonessential external activities until further notice. This includes canceling station tours, engine tours, ride-alongs, and community training classes.
3. New temporary policies were implemented to prevent the unnecessary exposure of our firefighters and critical staff to the virus. Public access to the stations is now restricted, services will be provided via phone and email during normal business hours.

Email access can be supported through both tetoncountyfire.com and by calling 208-715-5201.

Teton County Sheriff's Office

1. The Driver's License Department will suspend the following services until further notice:
 - Fingerprinting of first time concealed weapons license applicants – Renewals do not require fingerprints
 - Applicant fingerprinting services, including fingerprints for employment or background checks.
 - Renewals of Class D and other non-CDL licenses – These renewals can be obtained online at the Idaho DMV website.
 - Duplicates of lost/stolen licenses – Replacement licenses can also be obtained online through the Idaho DMV website.
2. Persons seeking to obtain their Idaho Star Card/Real ID are encouraged to wait for the time being to continue the application process.
3. Commercial Driver's License applicants will still be provided services.
4. If members of the public have questions about services, call the Sheriff's Office at (208) 354-2323 prior to coming to the Driver's License Office.
5. Signage will be posted at all public entry points advising individuals not to enter the Law Enforcement Center if they have: Visited China, Iran, South Korea, any European countries, or any other high risk locations identified by the CDC in the past 14 days; Resided with or been in close contact with someone who has been in any of those countries within the previous 14 days; Traveled domestically within the United States where COVID-19 has sustained widespread community transmission; Been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital or health agency; Been diagnosed with or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; or A fever, cough or shortness of breath.

Teton County:

1. In an effort to reduce the possible spread of the COVID-19 virus, Teton County is restricting public access to the courthouse (and other county facilities) for essential services only that cannot be completed remotely (via the County website, phone or email). For a list of how to access County services remotely please visit: https://www.tetoncountyidaho.gov/announcements_detail.php?deptID=3&pkAnnounce=483
2. The Board of County Commissioners met today and decided not to declare a state of emergency but is prepared to do so at any time, if deemed necessary by the Board Chair and Emergency Manager..
3. The Secretary of State's office is encouraging people to absentee vote in the May 19th primary election. You can download an absentee ballot request form on the elections page of the County website.

For more information 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. City Council held an emergency meeting today at 11:30 am to discuss the city COVID-19 response. No action was taken. The Council did not adopt an emergency declaration at this time. The city will continue to monitor the situation and will consider this action in the future as needed.
2. City operations continue, with staff being limited so as to provide for continuing operations capacity in the event of an outbreak.
3. The Public are encouraged to pay bills online at DriggsIdaho.org, or by using the dropbox in the parking lot north of the building (adjacent to Barrels & Bins). Walk-in traffic is discouraged. We request that you schedule appointments with staff and/or talk with them by phone.
4. All noticed city meetings have been continued (postponed) for a week as we seek functional and safe methods of conducting them in a responsible manner.
5. The City would like to emphasize that city water remains completely safe. There is no possibility of contamination of the city water supply.

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 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.
2. 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. The March 17, 2020 Victor Planning Commission and March 25, 2020 City Council meetings have been cancelled.
4. The water supply is safe and is not compromised as a result of COVID-19.
5. 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

City of Tetonia:

1. Tetonia City Hall may have limited office hours over the following weeks. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the payment drop box and online bill pay.
2. Please do not flush wipes, paper towels, or any other paper products other than toilet paper.

Any questions or concerns can be emailed to clerk@cityoftetonia.com or call City Hall at 208-456-2249

Teton School District 401:

1. Student Meals start Tuesday March 17: The school district will be providing a FREE meal program during school closure and home-based learning days. The meals will be available at NO CHARGE to anyone aged 1-18, just like the Summer Meals program. Additional family members will be charged the adult price, \$2.50 for breakfast, \$4.00 for lunch. Meals will be available once a day for pickup at Driggs Elementary between 11am and 1pm. Orders must be placed before midnight the night before pickup.

To sign up and for information in Spanish, go to this

link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPRHigQKkSHDyvqyR2VUH0dCdtFQmh78Tr8UBifqN7ri12OA/view/form>

2. During the Coronavirus crisis, the school district will be providing daily updates on its Facebook page and on its Website, tsd401.org.

