



COVID – 19 Community Update

March 17, 2020 5:00 PM



Teton County officials and partnering agencies would like to once again emphasize that every measure is being taken to protect our community. 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. Please remain calm and do not panic. We are in this together.

Case Update:

As of today, there are three newly confirmed cases in South Central, Central, and South East Idaho bringing the total number of confirmed cases in Idaho to eight. Teton County’s confirmed cases remains at one.

Idaho COVID-19 public health monitoring and testing as of 3/17/20 at 3:15 p.m.

Total number of people monitored by Idaho public health (past & present)	76
Number of people no longer being monitored by public health	39
Number of people tested through the Idaho Bureau of Laboratories [†]	295
Number of people tested through commercial laboratories [†]	58
Number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in Idaho	8

AGENCY UPDATES:

Eastern Idaho Public Health (EIPH)

1. Eastern Idaho Public Health will announce the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Madison County at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday March 17, 2020 in the County Commissioner’s Chamber at the Madison County Courthouse (134 E. Main, Rexburg, Idaho). This event will not be open to the public. A press release with additional information will be sent out after the announcement.

Teton Valley Health

1. Teton Valley Health’s clinics are all open regular hours and our providers are available for scheduled and walk-in appointments. Our website (www.tvhcare.org) and our Facebook page (@tetonvalleyhealth) has guidance on COVID that is updated daily. Please call 208-354-2383 with any questions.

Teton County:

1. For a list of how to access County services remotely and other COVID-19 news please visit: https://www.tetoncountyidaho.gov/announcements_detail.php?deptID=3&pkAnnounce=482
2. At this time the Board of County Commissioners will continue to meet as scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. The meetings are live streamed and can be accessed at www.tetoncountyidaho.gov.

3. The Secretary of State's office encourages people to absentee vote in the May 19 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. Happy Saint Patrick's Day!
2. City Offices remain open with limited staff. (Some city staff are encouraged to work remotely. Please call ahead to schedule, or use online methods.)
3. All group events at Driggs Community Center have been cancelled or postponed, but the building remains open during business hours. TISA, Seniors West of the Tetons, Rock Gym, and Geo Tourism Center have all closed or limited access to their facilities. Please contact them directly if you have any questions.
4. Driggs Reed Memorial Airport remains open and is conducting business as usual.
4. Driggs City Parks remain open per normal hours. We encourage people to get outside, and move their bodies - just avoid groups. Be advised that, although our restrooms are being cleaned, playgrounds are not receiving any special attention at this time.
5. The City would like to emphasize that city water remains completely safe. There is no possibility of contamination of the city water supply.
6. Please do not flush anything down toilets except toilet paper!

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. City parks in Victor remain open to the public, however, park goers should understand that parks offer areas that are frequently used. Playground equipment, benches, and the like are not being cleaned at this time. Users should follow [published CDC guidelines](#) and take necessary precautions when using these facilities.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The March 17, 2020 Victor Planning Commission and March 25, 2020 City Council meetings have been cancelled.
5. The water supply is safe and is not compromised as a result of COVID-19.
6. 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 Teton:

1. Teton 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. Public Works will continue to operate normal hours. This may change as circumstances progress.
2. Please do not flush wipes, paper towels, or any other paper products other than toilet paper.
3. The City of Teton water supply is clean and safe and will remain clean and safe. The City Council held an emergency meeting Sunday evening at 7 PM to discuss the COVID-19 response. An emergency declaration was considered but not adopted at this time; however, we continue to evaluate on a daily basis.

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

Teton County Sheriff's Office:

1. 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
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.

The Driver's License Department has suspended the following services until further notice:

1. Fingerprinting of first time concealed weapons license applicants – Renewals do not require fingerprints
2. Applicant fingerprinting services, including fingerprints for employment or background checks.
3. Renewals of Class D and other non-CDL licenses – These renewals can be obtained online at the Idaho DMV website.
4. Duplicates of lost/stolen licenses – Replacement licenses can also be obtained online through the Idaho DMV website.

Teton School District 401:

1. K-3 teachers are meeting in grade-level teams, through digital meetings, to develop aligned packets to be printed and assembled for home-based learning to begin next Monday. Teachers are adding personal pieces to individual packets for students with special needs, those who need supplemental ELL materials or other types of interventions.
2. Our custodial, transportation, and support staffs are working to clean and sanitize buses and buildings. This includes disinfecting all toys and soft surfaces (like bean-bag chairs), and all hard surfaces (bus seats, windows, tables, counters, desks, chairs, cubbies, walls, etc.).
3. TSD's Food Service distributed about 50 meals today on the first day of this program, which follows similar rules to Free Summer Meals. **FREE breakfast and/or lunch is available to anyone aged 1-18 in the community.**

To eliminate confusion:

- a. Families must signup online by midnight TONIGHT for tomorrow's meal pickup. Those who know they will also want free meals on Friday can indicate that on the signup sheet, available on our website (<https://tsd401.org/>) or at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/qr3n7nh>
- b. Drive-through pickup is between 11 am and 1 pm daily on the EAST side of the *new* Driggs Elementary, where the buses usually go. Our kitchen crew will bring pre-ordered meals right to the curb.
- c. We encourage healthy children to come along with their parents in the car to pick up their food. This helps us ensure that meals for young ones are reaching them quickly. (Sick kids should always stay home.)

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

TIPS AND GUIDELINES

During stressful times such as these it is imperative that we all practice self-care to ensure that we are healthy and able to combat any possible illness we may face. Here are some helpful tips from the CDC on positive health care:

Things you can do to support yourself

1. Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be upsetting.
2. Take care of your body. Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate. Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep, and avoid alcohol and drugs.
3. Make time to unwind. Try to do some other activities you enjoy.
4. Connect with others. Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling.

Call your healthcare provider if stress gets in the way of your daily activities for several days in a row.

For more tips on handling stress and anxiety visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/managing-stress-anxiety.html>