



COVID – 19 Community Update March 20, 2020 6:00 PM



Hello Teton County Community! We are definitely facing challenging times. We ask for your help in reducing the spread of this very contagious virus. You cannot catch the virus if you aren't exposed to an infected person or infected surface. And we are all in control of that. Social distancing is the key and we ask that everyone take this necessary precaution. Take a deep breath, remain calm and please make the choice to do your part in protecting our community. Your local officials and agencies will continue to do the same. Let's stick together to reduce the spread of the virus to our community.

Teton Valley Strong!

Case Update: Most recent data at the time of publication from <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>

COVID-19 in Idaho

*All data updated at 5:00 p.m. MT, 3/20/2020. State-level data will be updated at 5 p.m. MT daily. Public health district data will be updated on their agency website at their discretion.

Public Health District	County	Cases	Deaths
Panhandle Health District	Kootenai	3	0
Southwest District Health	Canyon	1	0
Central District Health	Ada	4	0
South Central Public Health District	Blaine	19	0
	Twin Falls	1	0
Eastern Idaho Public Health	Madison	1	0
	Teton	1	0
	Fremont	1	0
TOTAL*		31	0

COVID-19 Testing in Idaho

Number of people tested through the Idaho Bureau of Laboratories*	692
Number of people tested through commercial laboratories**	219

AGENCY UPDATES:

Teton Valley Health (TVH)

1. A second positive case of COVID-19 is confirmed in the Valley. It was **not** caused by community acquired infection.
2. We continue to offer a nurse phone line (208) 354-2383 for individuals with questions about testing.
3. Our Driggs clinic will be open regular hours (9-1) on both Saturday and Sunday.

Drug Stores:

1. Corner Drug (Driggs): Curbside service only from 9:30am to 5:30 pm Monday thru Friday, Closed Saturday. Credit Card phone payments only to reduce interaction. Curbside service will be on the north or west side of the building. Please call 208-354-2334 to place orders, make payments and also to let us know when you are outside and we will bring it out to you.
2. Victor Drug: will be open for drive-thru service only 9:30am-6:30pm Monday -Friday and Saturday 9am-5pm. Both locations will remain closed Sunday Use our free RefillRX app to request refills. Please send to the right location for better service. All the info you need is on your label to register with the app

Teton County

1. The Board of County Commissioners met today and passed a resolution in an effort to protect the health and welfare of Teton County by reducing the spread of COVID-19.
 - a. Closed to the general public: all theaters, bars, self-serve buffets/salad bars and unpackaged food, communal pools, hot tubs, locker rooms, saunas, steam rooms, fitness centers, gyms, conference rooms, spas and museums.
 - b. Dine in service is closed but take out and drive through food service is allowed.
 - c. Gatherings of 10 unrelated people are strongly discouraged. [The full resolution can be viewed here.](#)
2. Teton County Facilities have been closed to the general public with the exception to the Courts and the Transfer station. The Transfer station is only taking payment by credit cards and accounts only and is no longer accepting cash. All other County business should be conducted on line, by phone or by mail.

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. The City Council has extended the Emergency Declaration of the Mayor to require the following. [See full text here.](#) **These regulations will be strictly enforced:**
 - a. No gatherings of 10 or more unrelated people in the City of Driggs, including in any business, or other meeting place;
 - b. Restaurants in the City are required to close their dining rooms, and may only offer curbside take-out, no patrons allowed in restaurants (even waiting for food.)
 - c. No unpackaged self-serve food or beverages allowed;
 - d. Additional requirements apply, so see [Driggs City website](#) for more information.
 - e. Exemptions for Hospital and Health Care, Government Meetings, Grocery Stores (adhere to c.) and School Food Distribution apply.
2. City Offices remain open by appointment only. (Please call ahead to schedule, or use online methods.) All public meetings have been continued (postponed) until we can set up safe and functional remote meeting options.

3. All group events at Driggs Community Center have been cancelled or postponed, but the building remains open during business hours. TISA, Seniors, Rock Gym, and GeoCenter 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 for aviation access only at this time.
5. 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.
6. The City would like to emphasize that city water remains completely safe. There is no possibility of contamination of the city water supply.
7. Please do not flush anything down toilets except toilet paper!
8. For the latest information from the City of Driggs, please see our website at www.DriggsIdaho.org.

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. On March 18, 2020, Chair Riegel, Mayor Frohlich, Mayor Johnson, and Mayor Hoopes signed a Joint Emergency Declaration for Teton County, Idaho and the Cities of Teton, Driggs, and Victor. The Victor City Council subsequently extended the declaration through April 30, 2020 on behalf of the Victor community.

View the Ordinance in full at https://www.victorcityidaho.com/alert_detail.php

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. The March 25, 2020 City Council meetings have been cancelled.
6. The water supply is safe and is not compromised as a result of COVID-19.
7. 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. City of Teton urges people to stay up to date on the CDC recommendations to slow the spread of COVID-19. Limit gatherings to 10 or less people. Practice social distancing of 6 or more feet. Cover your cough with your elbow, wash your hands and try to stay healthy!
2. 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.
3. Please do not flush wipes, paper towels, or any other paper products other than toilet paper.
4. The City of Teton water supply is clean and safe and will remain clean and safe.
5. Teton City Council is continually monitoring the COVID-19 updates given to us by health officials and will post updates accordingly.

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

Teton School District 401:

1. All schools are ramping up to begin home-based learning next week. Each school has worked with issues that range from technology challenges to packet preparation and delivery. Packets will be mailed to elementary school families who didn't pickup their materials today. Some of the schools are sending out grades.
2. TSD's Food Service provided 1,022 free meals this week in just four days. Parents must sign up for meals next week on the website: (<https://tsd401.org/>) or at this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfM->

[16Aj_a27_YNPK7iIEBpY8GXkyRIIJele4oRla5AXr88Tg/viewform](#) Please remember to choose your pickup location. If your income has changed because of the COVID-19 closures, please fill out an application for free/reduced meals. Contact Kathy Rowbury for more information: krowbury@d401.k12.id.us 208-228-5723

3. Special thanks to Grand Teton Distillery, New West Knifeworks, and the We Are Jackson Hole campaign for making 200 bottles of hand sanitizer available to go out with today's grab-and-go meals.

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

Food and Supplies Update:

For the safety of all, please do not go to any stores if you or a member of your household have any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, or not feeling well OR if you have been in contact with someone with known or suspected coronavirus.

1. Broulims Customers can obtain one package of toilet paper at the customer services counter while supplies last, no other products are limited.
2. Barrels and Bins:
New curb side services offered. Visit: <https://barrelsandbins.market/special-orders/>
Home delivery and curb side pick up will have a nominal fee, however they are offering these services for FREE for any community members who are 60 or older, immune-compromised, or pregnant.

Teton Regional Economic Coalition (TREC)

Here is a summary of resources and information for Teton Valley businesses. There's a ton of information available here that can help you, your business, and your employees make it through these tough times. Please take the time to review it. If we've missed anything, please email brianm@trec-biz.org

1. State of Idaho: <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>
2. U.S. Small Business Administration: https://www.sba.gov/page/guidance-businesses-employers-plan-respond-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19?fbclid=IwAR2zeLVQjE2RB-YYuZ17xegEH8itQq5x_F2YMRGT5pjUP-EhoG2fldqzPKc

The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved an Economic Injury Disaster Loan Assistance fund for small businesses impacted by COVID-19. In order for Idaho and our region to become eligible for assistance, affected Idaho businesses need to file an Economic Injury Worksheet. In our state, this effort is being led by the Idaho Department of Commerce. The Economic Injury Worksheet and other information regarding the assistance can be found on the Department of Commerce's COVID-19 webpage. The assistance is available to both for and not-for profit businesses. Even if you do not plan to apply for financial assistance, completing and submitting the form is helpful in assisting other Eastern Idaho businesses who may apply. Jerry Miller at the Idaho Department of Commerce is the point of contact for this effort and who the completed forms can be sent to. His contact information is jerry.miller@commerce.idaho.gov, (208)-287-0780. <https://commerce.idaho.gov/>

3. The Teton Valley News will run as a courtesy to your business new plans/new hours/changes in operation, in light of the COVID-19 health emergency in their online and print products. Please email Jeannette Boner with your information at editor@tetonvalleynews.net. Print deadline, Monday at 5 p.m. Online: https://www.tetonvalleynews.net/news/teton-valley-business-closures-and-updates/article_767bdaaa-8155-5a2f-96d9-ee47070f4d2.html
4. Idaho Department of Labor: All Labor Services Currently are Available Online or by Phone Only. Need Help Filing for Unemployment Insurance Benefits?
File for unemployment insurance online at labor.idaho.gov/ClaimantPortal or get help with your application by calling (208) 332-8942.
5. Coronavirus-related unemployment insurance FAQs on our blog at idahootwork.com/2020/03/18/faqs-about-unemployment-insurance-and-covid-19/

6. View general unemployment insurance FAQs on our website at labor.idaho.gov/dnn/Unemployment-Benefits/Questions-Answers.
7. **Contact your nearest Labor One-Stop office for more information: Idaho Falls: (208) 557-2500**
Additional resources:
<https://www.mainstreet.org/howwecanhelp/resourcecenter/covid19resources>
<https://restaurant.org/Covid19>