



March 18, 2020

Dear Residents,

We are facing an unprecedented threat to our community in the COVID-19 pandemic. This previously unknown virus risks the lives, livelihoods, and well-being of individuals and communities around the world. We've watched other communities around the world, and we are anxious to avoid the mistakes we've seen elsewhere. As leaders in the Teton Valley Community, we have been thoughtfully monitoring this, and working to identify the best response. Following guidance from national, state, and world health officials, we feel it is time for significant, and meaningful action here at the local level.

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. In doing so, our jurisdictions are proactively enabled to respond quickly and pursue additional resources if needed to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

With this declaration, each and every person in our community is strongly encouraged to do their part to interrupt the spread of COVID-19. The following steps are strongly encouraged:

- Take social distancing seriously in any setting, indoors or outdoors, public or private.
- Avoid all social gatherings, or meetings of ten or more people.
- We are requesting restaurants and bars to close their dining rooms and offer take-out only.

Residents should know that this is a rapidly evolving situation, and should regularly visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at <https://www.cdc.gov/> along with the daily COVID-19 Community Update being posted on each jurisdiction's websites (www.tetoncountyidaho.gov, www.victorcityidaho.com, tetoniaidaho.com, www.driggsidaho.org) and distributed through social media. Along with partner agencies, we are constantly monitoring, and adjusting plans to slow the spread of COVID-19. As plans are updated and further action is taken by our jurisdictions, we will continue to communicate with the public through these venues.

As a community, we are *Teton Valley Tough* and we will get through this together! Sincerely, your local elected officials,

Cindy Riegel, Chair, Teton County Commission

Hyrum Johnson, Mayor, City of Driggs

Gloria Hoopes, Mayor, City of Teton

Will Frohlich, Mayor, City of Victor