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EASTERN IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH (EIPH)

As of 5:00 pm May 14, there have been 49 confirmed and 22 probable COVID - 19 cases (total = 71) in the Eastern Idaho Public Health District. For more COVID-19 information and resources please visit: https://eiph.idaho.gov/

IDAHO REBOUNDS PLAN

Governor Little held a press conference yesterday, May 14, and announced that as of Saturday, May 16, Idaho will move into Stage 2 of the Idaho Rebounds plan.

Main changes from Stage 1 to Stage 2 of the plan are as follows:

More businesses are allowed to re-open in Stage 2 including indoor gyms, recreational facilities, restaurant dining rooms, and close contact services (hair, nail, massage, cosmetics, tattoos). Bars, nightclubs, and large venues (movie theaters with the exception of drive-ins and sporting venues) remain closed. Also, visits to senior living facilities and congregate facilities (jails and prisons) remain prohibited.

Second, all vulnerable Idahoans should continue to self-quarantine and family members living in the same household should take precautions to isolate from vulnerable family members. Those who are able to continue to work from home are encouraged to do so.

Third, gatherings, both public and private of less than 10 people, may occur as long as people practice social distancing. Non-essential travel should still be minimized. Also, there should be a 14-day self-quarantine for people entering the state *from areas experiencing substantial community transmission of COVID-19*. Other travel quarantine requirements have been lifted.

The Cities and County are currently working on plans for reopening that will align with Stage 2 of the Idaho Rebounds Plan.

City of Driggs

The City of Driggs is preparing to open the City Center on a limited basis on June 1st. All protocols will be in alignment with the State's Plan and they will continue to encourage all citizens to use the online services on the City Website whenever possible. For more information please visit https://www.driggsidaho.org/

City of Victor

The City of Victor is taking several steps to align with the advancement of the State's Plan including preparing to reopen City Hall on a limited basis, reopening park equipment such as jungle gyms and swing sets, and holding a Special City Council meeting at 9:30 A.M. on May 18, 2020, to lift the remaining emergency ordinances in place regarding a 14-day self-quarantine for outside of region non-essential travel and limitations on hotels and short term rentals. For more information please visit https://www.victorcityidaho.com/

City of Tetonia

Please visit the City of Tetonia website for details on how services may be rendered during this stage.

Teton County

The Teton County Board of County Commissioners met today, May 15, and voted to enter into the next phase of their COVID-19 Operations Plan as soon as all aspects of the plan are in place. This stage of the County plan will allow more public access to County facilities, though all services that may be conducted over the phone or online are highly recommended. A tentative date for reopening to the public is May 26 with an exception to the Driver's License office which will open on Monday, May 18. However, appointments will be required for services. Please call 208-354-8785 to schedule an appointment.

For more information on County Services please visit: www.tetoncountyidaho.gov

Click here to view the Idaho Rebounds Plan.

<u>Visit the COVID-19 Information hub</u> for all of the latest information on the pandemic.

HOW TO STAY HEALTHY DURING IDAHO REBOUNDS STAGE 1

As Idaho slowly begins to reopen it is imperative that all citizens and visitors adhere to established guidelines in order to prevent a resurgence of COVID-19 in our community. If positive cases increase or medical facilities become overwhelmed, we could go back to previous stages of the Stay Home Order at any time. In order to keep moving forward and to return to a more normal existence we must continue to control the spread of COVID - 19 by doing the following in the months to come:

- Maintain social distancing
- Wear masks in public places
- Avoid public and private gatherings of more than 10 people
- Minimize non-essential travel and continue 14-day self-quarantine for people entering Idaho from areas with high COVID -19 prevalence.
- Practice good hygiene and sanitation practices

TETON SCHOOL DISTRICT 401

- At its Monday board meeting, the TSD 401 Board of Trustees voted that students who have completed their work for the year will finish home-based learning on Friday, May 22. Students who have struggled during home-based learning will have a chance to receive more focused assistance from their teachers through Thursday, June 4.
- Teton High's graduation will be at 7 pm on Thursday, June 4, at the Spud Drive-In south of Driggs. Each graduate will receive an admission ticket for one vehicle. There will be a live presentation of diplomas and pre-recorded video speeches and other celebratory touches. Basin High's graduation will be the same day, same location, at 5:30 pm.
- It was a record week for the school district's free meals program, with more than 5,000 free breakfasts and lunches being distributed Monday through Friday to kids age 1-19. Wednesday was the single-biggest distribution day, with 1,108 meals going out -- on that day, a TSD favorite, chili and cinnamon rolls, was served for lunch. Since March 17, 33,550 meals have been provided. Families can now opt-in for free meals until the end of the school year. Please use the online sign-up form and complete it by midnight the night before meals are being requested: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSc2pCaJhepyvsyOrzUFdBOCpRPUyXT--ZpXs69cSmb0Cyx6Ww/viewfo
- Teton High School is seeking nominations for a new mascot name from the community. The process is in the brainstorming phase; submit your ideas before 5 pm on Tuesday, 5/26 to https://forms.gle/Y5SwivwrWLGeNckW6 (Spanish). This is NOT a vote; multiple submissions of the same name will not carry more weight. Then the mascot selection committee will review what has been suggested and evaluate them to make sure they meet the criteria (on the form). Students in grades 8-12 will vote to determine the new mascot from the list generated through the first two steps.

KEEP TETON VALLEY MOVING FORWARD

Be sure to do your part to help keep others safe and healthy when out in public. Teton Valley Strong! #PhysicalDistancing #MaintainYourSpace #CoverYourFace



Our future freedoms depend on current behavior. Please continue to do your part to protect the health and wellbeing of our community. Teton Valley Strong!