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## Press Release - For Immediate Release

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EASTERN IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH (EIPH) - (excerpt from their daily update on [eiph.idaho.gov](http://eiph.idaho.gov))

**April 5: Positive COVID-19 Test Results Teton County Case:** We are reporting a positive COVID-19 test result for a female in her 50s. This individual was not hospitalized and is recovering at home. She had recent travel to an area with wide-spread COVID-19 transmission.

**April 6: Positive COVID-19 Test Results Bonneville County Case:** We are reporting a positive COVID-19 test result for a male in his 30s in Bonneville County. This individual was not hospitalized and is recovering at home. The case has no recent travel history or contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case. Therefore, community spread of COVID19 is identified.

### STATISTICS UPDATE

#### World Update

1,346,458 total cases

74,451 deaths

67,557 new cases in last 24 hrs

#### National Update

363,424 total cases

10,764 deaths

26,751 new cases in last 24 hrs

#### Idaho Update

1,101 total cases

10 deaths

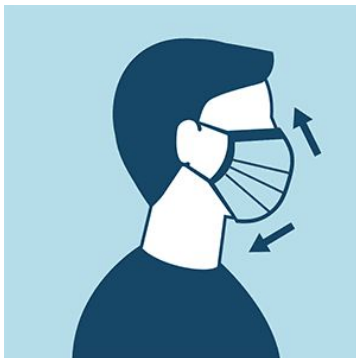
210 cases since yesterday

Additional data for Idaho: there have been 77 hospitalizations across the state and a total of 10,995 people have been tested for COVID-19.

### FACE COVERING INFORMATION FROM CDC

The CDC is recommending wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. **This does not replace the recommendation of social distancing or staying at home.**

### How to Wear a Cloth Face Covering



Cloth face coverings should—

- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- Be secured with ties or ear loops
- Include multiple layers of fabric
- Allow for breathing without restriction
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

For more information on face coverings please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

## **CONSTRUCTION POLICY APPROVED BY TETON COUNTY**

County Commissioners approved the COVID-19 Building Department Policies today. The full document is available [here](#). The Building Department is working on posting instructions for conducting business with the Department while the policies are in effect along with a summary of how the policies will be implemented.

1. We are not suspending any active building permits. If you have a permit that is in good standing, your project can continue as long as the job site is in compliance with the Policies.
2. Inspections will still be done but we will shift to doing them remotely via Facetime or other remote methods as much as possible.
3. New applications will be accepted and processed. Per the Policies, no new construction will be authorized until the Idaho Health and Welfare Order has expired or been lifted. (Exceptions will be made for repairs that are necessary due to an emergency such as failure of a heating system in an established residence.)

## **CONSTRUCTION SITE PLANS WITHIN THE CITIES OF DRIGGS AND TETONIA (Victor plans listed in next section)**

The City of Driggs will continue to monitor whether construction sites are compliant with the Governor's Order, and the City's Declaration of Emergency, and the CDC recommendations, and will address any further concerns as they may arise.

The City of Tetonina will be discussing construction restrictions at their next meeting on April 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm. It will be a virtual meeting and all meeting details will be posted on the City of Tetonina website by Friday April 10.

## **VISITATION AND LODGING RESTRICTIONS**

Driggs emphasizes that, under the Governor's Order, no Hotels, or other temporary lodging facilities (VRBO's, or Airbnb's) may operate, except to house essential workers.

Teton County Commissioners will be meeting tomorrow April 7 at 11:15 am to discuss the possibility of adopting an ordinance that would place restrictions on visitation by implementing self-quarantine measures and would place restrictions on lodging during the Governor's stay at home order. You may listen to the meeting by visiting [www.tetoncountyidaho.gov](http://www.tetoncountyidaho.gov)

## **CITY OF VICTOR UPCOMING COVID-19 RESPONSE MEETING**

The Victor City Council will consider the following items during it's April 8, 2020 meeting in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting will be held virtually. Meeting materials including instructions on how to attend and make public comment during the meeting are available on the City's website at [victorcityidaho.com](http://victorcityidaho.com).

1. An Update from Keith Gnagey, Teton Valley Health
2. A Public Education Campaign Relating to Construction Industry Best Practices
3. An Emergency Ordinance O565, An Emergency Ordinance of the City of Victor Providing Further Restrictions to the Statewide Shelter in Place Order Issued on March 25, 2020; Setting forth Applicable Jurisdictional Authority; Providing Additional Restrictions; Prescribing Penalties for Violations; Providing that the Ordinance is Enacted on an Emergency Basis and Establishing Effective and Sunset Dates.
4. A Public Hearing for Emergency Ordinance O566, An Emergency Ordinance of the City of Victor Providing for Limitations on Short Term Rentals, Setting forth Applicable Jurisdictional Authority; Providing Additional Restrictions; Prescribing Penalties for Violations; Providing that the Ordinance is Enacted on an Emergency Basis and Establishing Effective and Sunset Dates.

## **PRIMARY ELECTION VOTING DURING COVID-19**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic voting in the May 19 Primary Election is **only available** by casting an absentee ballot. For details on how to vote absentee visit: <https://idahovotes.gov/vote-early-idaho/>

## **US CENSUS IS HAPPENING NOW**

With everything going on we wanted to remind everyone that the 2020 US Census is happening now. It is important for our community to be accurately accounted for in the census for the following reasons:

- Fair share of government money for public services
- Fair representation in Congress and the legislature

For information on how to complete your census form visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov)

Together, we will make it through this!

**TETON VALLEY STRONG!**