



Eastern Idaho Public Health

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COVID-19 Daily Report Thursday, April 2, 2020

Positive COVID-19 Test Results

Bonneville County Case #1: We are reporting a positive COVID-19 test result for a female in her 40s. 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 COVID-19 is identified.**

Bonneville County Case #2: We are reporting a positive COVID-19 test result for a female in her 30s. 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 COVID-19 is identified.**

Epidemiologists with EIPH are investigating both cases. If other people are found to be exposed, health officials will contact them, provide them guidance, and monitor them closely for symptoms. Additional case-specific information about these individuals is confidential and will not be released.

Community transmission means the spread of illness for which the source of the infection is unknown and cannot be connected to travel or close contact with a person who tested positive for COVID-19. In addition to Bonneville County, community transmission of COVID-19 has been identified in our health district (Madison, Jefferson, and Teton Counties), neighboring jurisdictions (Bingham County), and adjacent states (Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Oregon, and Washington). Community transmission of COVID-19 knows no borders. Once community transmission occurs, the assumption is that the virus that causes COVID-19 is everywhere.

“Now, more than ever, the Stay at Home order is imperative to follow. If you have not been taking this matter seriously, today is the day to understand the gravity of the situation. Staying at home (especially if you are not feeling well), avoiding nonessential travel, and social distancing will help to slow the transmission of COVID-19,” stated Geri Rackow, Eastern Idaho Public Health Director. A copy of the order can be found here: www.EIPH.Idaho.gov.

COVID-19 Case Counts/County

County	Cases
Bonneville*	5
Clark	0
Custer	2
Fremont	1
Jefferson*	3
Lemhi	0
Madison*	4
Teton*	3
Total	18

*Indicates community transmission of COVID-19.

COVID-19 Q & A of the Day

Question: How can I protect myself, knowing the virus that causes COVID-19 lives on surfaces?

Answer: You are more likely to catch the infection through the air if you are next to someone infected than off a surface. Cleaning surfaces with disinfectant or soap is very effective because once the oily surface coat of the virus is disabled, there is no way the virus can infect a host cell. However, there cannot be an overabundance of caution as nothing like this has ever happened before. The CDC guidelines on how to protect yourself include: 1) cleaning and disinfecting surfaces, including tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks. Avoid touching high-contact surfaces in public, 2) washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, 3) engaging in social distancing (keeping a six-foot distance between yourself and others), and 4) most importantly, stay home if you are sick and contact your doctor, if needed.