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COVID-19 Daily Report Monday, May 18, 2020

Positive COVID-19 Test Results

We have no positive cases to report today.

Current COVID-19 Case Counts

County	Confirmed Cases	Probable Cases	County Total
Bonneville*	18	14	32
Clark	0	0	0
Custer	2	0	2
Fremont	2	1	3
Jefferson*	5	2	7
Lemhi*	1	0	1
Madison*	12	8	20
Teton*	10	1	11
Totals	50	26	76

*Indicates community transmission of COVID-19.



COVID-19 Q & A of the Day

This week, we will be doing an ongoing Q & A segment regarding contact tracing.

Question: How do contact tracers start a case investigation and what types of questions do they ask?

Answer: In most jurisdictions, the names and contact information of positive COVID-19 cases are generated from lab reports that are sent to health departments from healthcare providers or laboratories. Contact tracers call the individual and begin asking questions that will help determine where they possibly contracted COVID-19 and who they might have spread it to, as well. Questions like, have you had any recent travel? Have you been around anyone who has had symptoms of COVID-19? What places have you visited recently? Were you alone or with other people? The questions start with the two days before symptom onset, and go day-by-day, asking about their activities. Asking people to remember their activities is hard to do, so we help them walk through that process. After all the tracer's questions have been answered, a list of contacts is compiled and the next step begins. Also, after the initial contact, tracers continue to provide information and guidance to the positive case and are in touch with them regularly throughout their quarantine.

Tomorrow's question: When a tracer has assembled a list of contacts, what's next?