



# Eastern Idaho Public Health

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## COVID-19 Daily Report Tuesday, May 19, 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>76</b>

\*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. Please see yesterday's report for an answer to the question, "How do contact tracers start a case investigation and what types of questions do they ask?"

**Question:** When a contact tracer has assembled a list of contacts, what's next?

**Answer:** The first thing the contact tracer does is notify the contacts that they've had exposure to a positive case. To maintain the privacy of the positive case, the tracer does not disclose their identify to the contact. Often, the contact tells public health that the person they were exposed to has already self-disclosed. This is what tracers encourage people to do once they know they're positive—to reach out to their close contacts and let them know. Next, the tracer asks the contact about his/her signs and symptoms of illness. This can be difficult for COVID-19 as the signs and symptoms are so broad that the contact might not even understand or identify that they're symptomatic. If they have no signs and symptoms, the tracer tells them what to look out for and how to safely seek care, if needed. They are then provided with guidance on self-isolation. If the contact does have signs and symptoms of COVID-19, the tracer discusses testing options, provides the contact with guidance on symptom monitoring and self-isolation, and creates of list of their contacts so the process can start again with a new group of contacts. The tracer keeps in touch with the contact until their self-isolation is over and they are released from public health monitoring.

**Tomorrow's Question:** What are some reactions tracers get when they contact people?