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EASTERN IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH (EIPH)

Case #42: We are reporting a positive COVID-19 test result for a male in his 30s in Teton County. This individual was not hospitalized and is recovering at home. Community transmission of COVID-19 is identified as the source of exposure. This is the ninth confirmed case in Teton County.

There have been 42 confirmed and 20 probable COVID - 19 cases (total = 62) in the Eastern Idaho Public Health district and 55 of those have now been released from monitoring. This doesn’t mean each case is fully recovered but does mean they are no longer considered contagious and isolation restrictions have been lifted.

CITIES AND COUNTY

Based on the Governor’s announcement to slowly re-open Idaho’s economy, the Cities and County are currently working on operations plans that will provide more public access for local government business during Stage 2 of the Governor’s plan. It is predicted that the Governor will enact that stage on or around May 16. Until then, public access to government facilities remains very limited. Most business may be conducted over the phone or online. Please visit the City of Victor, City of Driggs or the City of Tetonia homepages for details on how public services are being rendered.

Teton County is now offering the following services curbside or in person to accommodate the public over the next two weeks:

- Noxious weeds site visits: may now occur in person with social distancing. Call 208-240-7814
- Marriage licenses, Passports, Notary Services, Recording: now offered curbside by appointment. Call 208-354-8780.
- Driver’s License Services: appointment only - New state issuance (new resident, etc.), Star Card (ID Real ID), CDL issuance and renewal. Call 208-354-2323 All other services referred to ITD website. No fingerprinting services offered at this time.
- University of Idaho Extension: Agriculture equipment check-out and 4-H project equipment: Curbside. Call: 208-354-2961
- Building Department: Applications and supporting documents submit digitally. Drop box available for plans only.
- Building Inspections: Performed with restrictions and requirements according to the policy approved by the BoCC that is effective 5/1/2020
- The Transfer Station is now accepting cash and checks. Cash must be for the exact amount. Checks must contain phone numbers. Change cannot be made at this time.

Click here to view the Idaho Rebounds Plan.

Visit the COVID-19 Information hub for all of the latest information on the pandemic.

TETON COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

Teton County Fire & Rescue will continue the temporary policies which were implemented to prevent the unnecessary exposure of our firefighters and critical staff to the virus. Public access to the stations will continue to be restricted, services will still be provided via phone and email during normal business hours. Email access can be supported through both tetoncountyfire.com and by calling 205-715-5201
HOW TO STAY THE COURSE DURING 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, to eventually open up all businesses, and return to a more normal existence we must continue to control the spread of COVID-19 by doing the following:

- Maintain social distancing
- Wear masks in public places
- Avoid public and private gatherings
- Minimize non-essential travel and continue 14-day self quarantine for people entering Idaho

TETON SCHOOL DISTRICT 401

It is National Teachers Appreciation Week! Our district’s teachers are amazing -- once again, they have stepped up to face a difficult challenge with grit, resilience, and a focus on their students. Please remember to extend your thanks to your students’ teachers, with an email, note on Facebook, or card dropped off at their school.

TSD 401 has provided more than 24,000 free meals to kids age 1-18 during the seven weeks since the schools closed. Pickup is available at Driggs, Victor and Tetonia Elementary Schools. On this week’s signup form, parents can indicate they want meals through the end of the academic school year. Please sign up at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeObg-b7oBthxYIm3EK3TV-Dw4DTBA4QeM6pY13jlsZRkhA/viewform

FOOD PANTRY

The Teton Valley Food Pantry is here to make sure that no one in Teton Valley goes hungry. Through monetary donations, food from the Idaho Food Bank, and local contributions to the Food Rescue program, they have food available for anyone who needs help. The Food Pantry, located at 1420 N Hwy 33 on the west side of the road in the north end of the building, can be reached at 208-354-1658, for more information. Their website is www.tvfoodpantry.com.

Food distribution times and access to free food from the Food Rescue program are: Monday noon - 2:00 pm, Wednesday 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Friday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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!