

Our Community – COVID-19 – Essential Update

By: Mayor Marc Beitia

How you can help us help you:

- **Please practice Social Distancing** – 6 to 10 feet of separation between each other
- **Please practice Respiratory Hygiene** - sneeze or cough into your bent elbow
- **Please wash your hands frequently** - especially after touching hard surfaces and door knobs
- **Please disinfect hard surfaces regularly** – counter tops and door knobs
- **Please try not to touch your face** – eyes, nose or mouth
- **Please stay home if you are sick** – contact your healthcare provider

Thank you, to the **29 donors** who delivered the much-needed perishable groceries and supplies today. You made a huge difference to **15 households** this afternoon. More donations will be needed as we face what is to come; but, together we can all make American Falls the very best place to live, even in times such as these. Thank you all for doing your part! You do make a difference.

9:00 PM, March 21, 2020 – 42 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Idaho.

COVID-19 in Idaho

Case count and laboratory testing data updated at 4:45 p.m. MT, 3/21/2020. Demographic data to be updated every Friday at 5:00 p.m. MT. State-level data will be updated at 5 p.m. MT daily, based on surveillance system records provided by the health districts. Public health district data will be updated on their agency website at their discretion.

Public Health District	County	Cases	Deaths
Panhandle Health District	Kootenai	3	0
Southwest District Health	Canyon	1	0
Central District Health	Ada	11	0
South Central Public Health District	Blaine	21	0
	Twin Falls	1	0
Southeastern Idaho Public Health	Bingham	2	0
Eastern Idaho Public Health	Madison	1	0
	Teton	2	0
	TOTAL	42	0

COVID-19 Testing in Idaho

Number of people tested through the Idaho Bureau of Laboratories*	858
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Number of people tested through commercial laboratories**	359
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Information worth knowing:

- Our neighbors in Blaine County are reporting that effective immediately they will be temporarily suspending normal operations at St. Luke's Hospital Wood River.
- The Emergency Department will remain operational, with all admissions transferring to another appropriate facility.
- Surgical and OB staff are on-call to perform emergency procedures.
- All non-emergency and elective procedures are being postponed.
- Services at the clinics within the community will also be temporarily suspended.
- **This is what we don't want in our community. We need to make sure that we do not overwhelm our medical system.**
- **Practice Social Distancing, even if you are not showing symptoms. This is a critical step in protecting our communities, especially vulnerable populations.**