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*"To improve the health of our communities by identifying sustainable solutions to community health issues,  
developing partnerships for implementation of strategies, and demonstrating our success through measurement of outcomes."*

## **Central District Health Department Announces Reduced Staffing and Operating Hours at Satellite Offices in Valley and Elmore County**

### **Valley County**

Effective March 1, 2009 the Central District Health Department satellite office in McCall will be closed on Fridays until further notice. The office will be open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm with the exception of official holidays. In addition, public health nursing services will only be available three days each week. For information on office services and scheduling call the McCall office at (208) 634-7194.

### **Elmore County**

Also effective March 1, 2009 public health nursing services will be reduced to three days a week at the CDHD satellite office in Mountain Home. Currently there are no plans to reduce operating hours at the Mountain Home office. For information on office services and scheduling call the Mountain Home office at (208) 587-4407.

### **Communicable Disease Reporting from Valley and Elmore County Providers**

Effective March 1, 2009, physicians, laboratorians, hospitals, infection control practitioners and clinics responsible for reporting communicable diseases (see "Rules and Regulations Governing Idaho Reportable Diseases") should report them to the Office of Communicable Disease Control and Public Health Preparedness in Boise. Communicable disease investigations will be managed out of the Boise office until further notice. Confidential reports can be made either by **telephone (208) 327-8625** or **by confidential fax (208) 327-7100**. Providers may also utilize the Idaho Division of Health, Office of Epidemiology & Food Protection's **24-hour, toll-free reporting line at 1-800-632-5927**.

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