

NEWS

For Immediate Release

June 25, 2020

COVID-19 community transmission identified in Valley County; case count increases to six

VALLEY COUNTY – This week, Central District Health (CDH) has confirmed that three additional Valley County residents have tested positive for COVID-19, bringing the total number of cases at six. One of the recent cases was confirmed on Wednesday, June 24; the other two were confirmed today, June 25. Through follow-up case investigations, CDH has identified evidence of community transmission. Community transmission is determined when an individual has not had contact with a known infected person or recently traveled.

One of the infected individuals confirmed this week has required hospitalization. Case follow-up work is ongoing.

With community transmission identified in many counties throughout Idaho, and given Valley County's robust tourism, which brings in Idahoans from other counties, and residents of other states, it is more important than ever that people follow public health recommendations to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

"Valley County sees a considerable amount of tourism with people coming to enjoy our communities. We want to urge both members of our community and those visiting to protect one another. Wear face coverings in public and practice physical distancing. Let's look out for one another so we don't see continued spread and potentially harmful impacts to the health of our residents and local economy," said Elt Hasbrouck, Valley County Commissioner and CDH Board of Health member.

CDH recommends that everyone:

- Follow statewide orders and any local orders in place
- Practice social distancing: avoid crowds, maintain at least 6 feet from others
- Wear face coverings in public or environments, especially in places where it's hard to maintain at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and another person
- Stay home if you are sick, even if symptoms are mild
- Limit your trips in public
- Wash your hands frequently and disinfect high-touch surfaces
- Limit unnecessary travel
- Create a plan for how to safely care for a household member if they become ill

COVID-19 case counts for CDH's four-county jurisdiction of Ada, Boise, Elmore and Valley counties are updated weekdays by 5 pm, unless otherwise indicated; weekly data is updated Mondays and Thursdays by noon at <https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/dac-coronavirus>.

Community COVID-19 Resources

Central District Health continues to offer a COVID-19 call center Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will operate Saturday, June 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 208-321-2222. Find statewide data at <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>.

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare offers a resource hotline for people feeling overwhelmed, isolated, or distress because of COVID-19. The hotline is available 24/7 at 888-330-3010.

#

Media Contact: Christine Myron, Public Information Officer
Cell 208-871-1712 | cmyron@cdh.idaho.gov