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Currently, Central District Health (CDH) has a public health order in place for Ada County, a mask order in place for Valley County, and each week, assesses and reports on operational categories for schools. Because these measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 and inform the public differ in the criteria used for assessment, this document aims to explain each strategy in place and offer links to supporting information and data.



School Categories

What: Average daily case rates are calculated using a two-week average of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people in a given county. For counties with fewer than 25,000 people, case rate thresholds have been adjusted because small changes in reported cases can greatly impact rates. These categories are recommendations only. Final operational decisions are made by schools/school boards.

How: CDH staff perform weekly calculations and post the color/level to the CDH [COVID-19 Schools webpage](#).

Corresponding data is available to the public and is updated Mondays on the [CDH Tableau page](#). See the corresponding county tab for the average case rate per 100,000 people.

Learn more about the case rate ranges by county, [HERE](#).



Ada County Order

What: The public health order was implemented on June 24, 2020, by the CDH Board of Health to address the increase in COVID-19 cases in Ada County. The order includes measures to help keep case levels manageable for our area hospitals and protect the county's most vulnerable residents. The order prohibits large venue gatherings, restricts gathering sizes and social gathering group sizes, includes a mandatory mask requirement, restricts visitors in senior living facilities and correctional facilities, and includes specific restrictions on the operation of bars and nightclubs.

How: The Board of Health meets virtually each Tuesday at 5:15 pm (unless otherwise noted) to discuss data and criteria related to the order. A specific set of criteria is being used for discussion to assist in the Board's decisions around language in the order. Criteria include hospital admissions, confirmed reported and probable cases among Ada County residents, and the presence and impact of any COVID-19 clusters within the community.

There is no specific end date to this order, but the Board has, and may continue to, make adjustments to the order language as needed.

- [View the Criteria for Determining Quarantine and Restriction Orders for Ada County](#).
- [View CDH Tableau page that shows corresponding data being discussed and used in decision-making](#)
- [View the Board of Health Meetings page](#)



Elmore & Boise Counties

While there are not specific orders in place for Elmore or Boise Counties at this time, CDH staff and the Board of Health continue to closely monitor COVID-19 data for these counties. If, at some point, it is determined necessary, the Board may implement orders for Elmore and Boise counties.

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Valley County Mask Order

What: The mandatory mask order was implemented on August 11, 2020, by the CDH Board of Health in response to a request by Valley County Commissioners. Due to the presence of community spread in Ada County and the frequency of cross-county tourism, the Board implemented a county-wide mask mandate to help protect both Valley County residents and visitors.

How: There are not any specific metrics associated with this mask mandate, however, the Board of Health meets weekly and the mask mandate will continue to be a topic of conversation and assessment during the Board's meetings.

- [View the Valley County Mask Order webpage](#)



How is the operation of Ada County bars and nightclubs linked to school categories?

At a meeting on September 4, 2020, the Board of Health voted to lift the quarantine on all Ada County bars and nightclubs that had been in effect since June 24, 2020, when Ada County schools moved into Yellow/Category 2. The Board used this as a decision point for reopening, however, there is no ongoing association between school categories and the operation of bars/nightclubs. The Board was not comfortable authorizing bars and nightclubs to operate, even with restrictions in place, while schools were recommended to not facilitate in-person learning while still designated in the Red /Category 3. Under the revised public health order, bars and nightclubs choosing to operate

- must abide by specific requirements that address the health and safety of staff and patrons as outlined in the order,
- must submit their operational plans to CDH,
- must receive approval before opening their doors.

Additionally, CDH's Board of Health may, at any time, implement orders for closure, should illness clusters prove connected to their operation.

- [Ada County Public Health Order Page](#)
- [Criteria & process for Ada County bars to reopen](#)



Central District Health Resources

- **Latest Local Information, Data & Links:** cdh.idaho.gov/dac-coronavirus
- **CDH Tableau Data Site:** <https://public.tableau.com/profile/central.district.health#!/vizhome/CDHCOVID-19/CDHCOVID-19Information>
- **COVID-19 & Schools:** cdh.idaho.gov/dac-coronavirus-schools
- **Ada County Public Health Order:** <https://cdh.idaho.gov/dac-coronavirus-order.php>
- **Valley County Mask Order:** <https://cdh.idaho.gov/dac-coronavirus-valleyorder.php>
- **CDH Board of Health Meetings:** <https://cdh.idaho.gov/about-boardofhealth-meetings.php>
- **Resources for Businesses, Childcare Providers & General Public:** <https://cdh.idaho.gov/dac-coronavirus-resources.php>
- **CDH COVID-19 Call Center:** 208-321-2222 - Open M-F 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; Closed on holidays

