

# NEWS

## For Immediate Release

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### First Boise County resident dies from COVID-19

**BOISE COUNTY** – This week, Central District Health (CDH) has confirmed the death of a Boise County resident who passed away from COVID-19-related illness. The resident was a man in his 80s and is the first death of a Boise County resident related to the novel coronavirus. At the time of this release, 32 cases have been identified in Boise County residents.

“We express our deepest sympathies to those impacted by the recent COVID-19 related death in Boise County. As we see more people in rural areas of our health district affected by COVID-19, it serves as a good reminder that wearing face coverings out in public and keeping ourselves physically distanced are the greatest tools we have to help protect our fellow Idahoans at this time. Anyone visiting our remote counties, for any reason, needs to follow this guidance to help protect people living in those areas where access to immediate healthcare is limited.” said Russ Duke, District Director for Central District Health.

#### **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 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; limit unnecessary travel
- Wash your hands frequently and disinfect high-touch surfaces
- 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. Call 208-321-2222. Find statewide data at <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>.

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