

NEWS

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Central District Health supports updated CDC guidance for mask wearing

Central District Health (CDH) supports the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) updated guidance shared today (July 27, 2021) regarding wearing a mask when in an indoor public space where there are substantial or high levels of community transmission, regardless of vaccination status.

Universal indoor masking is recommended for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccine status or community transmission. Further, CDH encourages people to follow any policies or requirements set by their workplace or any place of business they visit.

Under the updated guidance, all four of the counties served by CDH currently fall under substantial or high transmission, therefore, CDH recommends that individuals in these communities wear a mask in indoor public settings, regardless of their COVID-19 vaccine status.

Current levels of transmission in CDH's jurisdiction:

- Ada County – **substantial transmission**
- Boise County – **substantial transmission**
- Elmore County – **substantial transmission**
- Valley County – **high transmission**

Source: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

Wearing a mask, along with physical distancing, and choosing to get vaccinated for COVID-19, continue to be our best defense in this pandemic. Getting vaccinated prevents severe illness, hospitalization, and death while helping reduce the spread of the virus in the community. With the Delta variant present in Idaho counties, choosing to get vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself, your loved ones, and those around you.

As this virus continues to evolve and we are regularly learning more, CDH is committed to protecting the health and safety of the communities it serves by providing relevant guidance

that aligns with current conditions. CDH will begin posting weekly community transmission rates using the [CDC data and categories](#), to the following web page and through its social media channels: <https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/dac-coronavirus.php>.

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Information Resources

- Call Center: 208-321-2222 – Open M-F, 10 am to 2 pm
- Vaccine webpage: cdh.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine
- COVID-19 vaccine provider list:
<https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/pdfs/cd/Coronavirus/Resource%20Docs/vaccine/enrolled-COVID19-vaccine-providers.pdf>
- Follow CDH on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @ CDHIdaho

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