

## Nancy Jones

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**From:** Bill Brooks <bbrooks@kcgov.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2020 2:29 PM  
**To:** Summer Bushnell  
**Subject:** Re: governor's stay at home order

Summer, thank you for sharing your opinion.

Bill Brooks  
Kootenai County Commissioner  
208.699.0506

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**To:** Keith Taylor  
**Cc:** Dena Darrow; Jennifer Locke  
**Subject:** RE: COVID19 CARES ACT INFORMATION - SETH GRIGG IAC

Thanks Keith!  
Leslie

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208.446.1669

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 10:32 AM

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Cc: Tiffany Westbrook <twestbrook@kcgov.us>; Ben Wolfinger <bwolfinger@kcgov.us>; Christopher Way <chrisw@kcemss.org>; Rachel Irish <rirish@kcgov.us>

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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 10:13 AM

To: jbaker@imd.idaho.gov

Cc: Iragan@benewahcounty.org; bhoward@bonnercountyid.gov; pam.brockus@bonnercountyid.gov; raspaulding@cdatribe-nsn.gov; Sandy VonBehren <svonbehren@kcgov.us>; Tiffany Westbrook <twestbrook@kcgov.us>; Rachel Irish <rirish@kcgov.us>; dmartinsen@co.shoshone.id.us; ckriebs@kootenai.org; rvogl@kootenai.org

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Date: Thu, April 9, 2020 9:36 am  
To: "Boundary County Commissioners" <commissioners@boundarycountyid.org>  
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**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2020 12:24 PM  
**To:** Summer Bushnell  
**Cc:** Nancy Jones  
**Subject:** RE: Governors stay at home order

Thank you for reaching out Summer. Hopefully the Governor will consider some options for us in the Panhandle since there is no strain on our health care system.

Sincerely,  
Leslie Duncan  
KOOTENAI COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
DISTRICT 3  
451 N Government Way . P.O. Box 9000  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83816-9000  
Phone: 208-446-1600 . Email: lduncan@kcgov.us

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**Subject:** FW: good evening

Not sure this will have any affect, but I tried. Don't eat too much bread today ☺  
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**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 10:28 PM  
**To:** 'Lora Whalen' <[LWhalen@phd1.idaho.gov](mailto:LWhalen@phd1.idaho.gov)>  
**Cc:** Leighanna Keiser <[lkeiser@kcgov.us](mailto:lkeiser@kcgov.us)>; Nancy Jones <[njones@kcgov.us](mailto:njones@kcgov.us)>; Chris Fillios <[cfillios@kcgov.us](mailto:cfillios@kcgov.us)>; Bill Brooks <[bbrooks@kcgov.us](mailto:bbrooks@kcgov.us)>; [dbramblett@benewahcounty.org](mailto:dbramblett@benewahcounty.org); 'commissioners@boundarycountyid.org' <[commissioners@boundarycountyid.org](mailto:commissioners@boundarycountyid.org)>; 'Dan McDonald' <[dan.mcdonald@bonnercountyid.gov](mailto:dan.mcdonald@bonnercountyid.gov)>; 'Mike Fitzgerald' <[mfitzgerald@co.shoshone.id.us](mailto:mfitzgerald@co.shoshone.id.us)>; Jeff Connolly ([jeff.connolly@bonnercountyid.gov](mailto:jeff.connolly@bonnercountyid.gov)) <[jeff.connolly@bonnercountyid.gov](mailto:jeff.connolly@bonnercountyid.gov)>; 'Steven.bradshaw@bonnercountyid.gov' <[Steven.bradshaw@bonnercountyid.gov](mailto:Steven.bradshaw@bonnercountyid.gov)>  
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Hi Lora,

I would like to see the Governor lift the stay at home order April 15<sup>th</sup> for our health district. I believe we are sufficiently prepared if numbers begin to go the wrong way. Let's continue to remind people who are at risk to take extra precautions and remind those who have any symptoms to stay home and seek testing if warranted. Strongly encourage personal responsibility. With the warmer weather just around the corner, people will continue to spend more time outside, thus slowing the spread even more.

This is a rough draft of what I began to write to the Governor:

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many challenges for our community in Kootenai County as it has throughout the entire state. As you are aware the predictions for Panhandle Health District have not panned out.

Domestic violence has increased in our area. Child abuse cases are not far behind. I am very concerned drug use and alcoholism are on the rise as well, as citizens try to cope with their lives being turned upside down.

One school district in Kootenai County has the most students that qualify for the free lunch program. This district's school board will meet April 14<sup>th</sup> to decide if they will open again, complying with the set requirements, or close for the year. These kids need our help. I've personally spoken to many parents in this impoverished district and they want their

kids to return to school. I am also concerned that some high school students being out of school for six months won't want to return in September.

Please end the stay at home order for Panhandle Health District 1. Washington residents have been shopping and recreating in Idaho during both Idaho and Washington Stay at Home Orders. According to the statistics in the greater area, we are not experiencing a load on the medical system and we are well below all of the predictions. More and more people are starting to move about. Please don't continue to punish the citizens of Idaho for what is happening in the other parts of the country. North Idaho, I argue, is more resilient than many areas of the country. Let us get back to work and back to our lives.

I understand you are working with very knowledgeable people on the state level but please don't discount the capability and knowledge of local leadership who are the boots on the ground here in Kootenai County.

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*Leslie Duncan*



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**Cc:** Leighanna Keiser <[keiser@kcgov.us](mailto:keiser@kcgov.us)>  
**Subject:** FW: good evening

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

----- Original message -----

From: Lora Whalen <[LWhalen@phd1.idaho.gov](mailto:LWhalen@phd1.idaho.gov)>  
Date: 4/10/20 5:12 PM (GMT-08:00)  
To: Benewah County Commissioner <[dbramblett@benewahcounty.org](mailto:dbramblett@benewahcounty.org)>, "Boundary County Commissioners (<[commissioners@boundarycountyid.org](mailto:commissioners@boundarycountyid.org)>)" <[commissioners@boundarycountyid.org](mailto:commissioners@boundarycountyid.org)>, Nancy Jones <[njones@kcgov.us](mailto:njones@kcgov.us)>, Shoshone County Commissioners <[CommSec@co.shoshone.id.us](mailto:CommSec@co.shoshone.id.us)>, Dan McDonald <[dan.mcdonald@bonnercountyid.gov](mailto:dan.mcdonald@bonnercountyid.gov)>, Jeff Connolly <[jeff.connolly@bonnercountyid.gov](mailto:jeff.connolly@bonnercountyid.gov)>, Jessi Webster <[jwebster@bonnercountyid.gov](mailto:jwebster@bonnercountyid.gov)>, [Steven.bradshaw@bonnercountyid.gov](mailto:Steven.bradshaw@bonnercountyid.gov)  
Subject: good evening

The Governor's office has asked me feedback on the stay at home order as 15 April draws nearer, I would value your opinions.

Thank you

Lora

Lora Whalen

Director

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I agree completely. Tough position - tough decisions to be made.

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Hi Leslie,

It's a solid letter, you touch on 3 key things, the DV/Child abuse and children. I am very curious to see how the week plays out with cases. Truly, the social distancing seems to be having an effect, but it is untenable for too much longer for our economy and the wellbeing of our citizens. Have a call out to the on call epi, curious to see what he's working on. Our hospital is in good shape patient volume wise, they have been very conservative with PPE, they have shut down elective surgeries which is financially a lot of income. If the cases continue to hold steady, and we are able to continue the fine work our epi's are doing in contact tracing all contacts, and we can increase testing, it is my belief that the Governor will consider some easing soon.

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Thank you. I wasn't going to finish the letter until Monday when the latest numbers came out. I know this is a hard situation since no one has a crystal ball. I've talked to 3 friends who weren't tested but had all the symptoms in February and March. I hope the worst is over for Kootenai County but that doesn't mean the at risk population and sick people shouldn't do everything they can to protect themselves and others respectively.

How do you feel about where we're at? Do you think we're heading for high numbers still? I heard that the 50 bed field hospital arrived in Kootenai County. I have not heard if it's being set up.

Let me know how I can help. Thank you for all your doing. I know you have an impossible job trying to predict the future.

Hope you have a Happy Easter.  
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**Sent:** Saturday, April 11, 2020 10:01 AM  
**To:** Leslie Duncan  
**Subject:** Re: good evening

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Nick

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**To:** Keith Taylor  
**Cc:** Dena Darrow; Jennifer Locke  
**Subject:** RE: COVID19 CARES ACT INFORMATION - SETH GRIGG IAC

Hi Keith,

Thank you for providing that extensive list to IAC. Are you still planning to send estimated costs? Am I correct to believe we have a way to determine what we've spent already because of your department's quick action in providing COVID accounts?

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Leslie

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Leslie,

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Not sure if the Board needs more information at the next available Status Update? Let us know.

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Subject: FW: [Fwd: FW: Urgent Survey Request: COVID-19 Expenses]

Hi Keith,

We will need to gather and include internal county expenses as well as our first responders and hospital. Please let us know if Jim Brannon received the email below from Seth Grigg, Executive Director of the Association of Counties.

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I'm sure other county clerks got the same request for financial impact data and I imagine they will pass on the question to EMs.

Andrew

Andrew O'Neel  
Director, Office of Emergency Management/PIO Boundary County, Idaho  
Cell: 208-290-5316

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From: "Glenda Poston" <[gposton@boundarycountyid.org](mailto:gposton@boundarycountyid.org)>  
Date: Thu, April 9, 2020 9:36 am  
To: "Boundary County Commissioners" <[commissioners@boundarycountyid.org](mailto:commissioners@boundarycountyid.org)>  
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Please see the request below.

Thanks, Glenda

From: Seth Grigg [<mailto:sgrigg@idcounties.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 4:18 PM  
To: undisclosed-recipients:  
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**Sent:** Saturday, April 11, 2020 9:02 AM  
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How do you feel about where we're at? Do you think we're heading for high numbers still? I heard that the 50 bed field hospital arrived in Kootenai County. I have not heard if it's being set up.

Let me know how I can help. Thank you for all your doing. I know you have an impossible job trying to predict the future.

Hope you have a Happy Easter.

Leslie

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**Cc:** Dena Darrow; Jennifer Locke  
**Subject:** Re: COVID19 CARES ACT INFORMATION - SETH GRIGG IAC

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Andrew

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Thanks, Glenda

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From: Boundary County OEM/PIO <aoneel@boundarycountyid.org>  
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 10:13 AM  
To: jbaker@imd.idaho.gov  
Cc: Iragan@benewahcounty.org; bhoward@bonnercountyid.gov; pam.brockus@bonnercountyid.gov; raspaulding@cdatribe-nsn.gov; Sandy VonBehren <svonbehren@kcgov.us>; Tiffany Westbrook <twestbrook@kcgov.us>; Rachel Irish <rish@kcgov.us>; dmartinsen@co.shoshone.id.us; ckriebs@kootenai.org; rvogl@kootenai.org  
Subject: [Fwd: FW: Urgent Survey Request: COVID-19 Expenses]

Jay,

FYI, our County Clerk received the tasking below yesterday from Executive Director of the Idaho Association of Counties, serving on the Governor's COVID-19 Financial Advisory Committee.

I'm sure other county clerks got the same request for financial impact data and I imagine they will pass on the question to EMs.

Andrew

Andrew O'Neel  
Director, Office of Emergency Management/PIO Boundary County, Idaho  
Cell: 208-290-5316

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Subject: FW: Urgent Survey Request: COVID-19 Expenses  
From: "Glenda Poston" <gposton@boundarycountyid.org>  
Date: Thu, April 9, 2020 9:36 am  
To: "Boundary County Commissioners" <commissioners@boundarycountyid.org>  
aoneel@boundarycountyid.org  
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Please see the request below.

Thanks, Glenda

From: Seth Grigg [mailto:sgrigg@idcounties.org]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 4:18 PM  
To: undisclosed-recipients:  
Subject: Urgent Survey Request: COVID-19 Expenses

Clerks,

I know you are slammed right now, but I'm in need of some data from you. I've been appointed to serve on the Governor's COVID-19 Financial Advisory Committee. The committee has been created to oversee the allocation of \$1.25 billion in CARES Act funding to Idaho. The program is intended to reimburse state and local governments for unanticipated expenses incurred as a result of COVID-19. In order to assess the overall financial impact on counties, I need some tentative data. Please respond to this email by close of business Friday and provide me with the estimated amount of money your county has spent to date directly related to COVID-19. Also please provide me a brief summary of the types of expenses you have incurred (overtime for first responders, additional ambulance expenses, procurement

of PPE, costs incurred enabling employees to work remote, costs incurred to enable virtual meetings, indigent expenses, etc.). Any information you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know you have any questions.

Seth

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**From:** Christopher Wagar <cwagar@kcgov.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 12:01 PM  
**To:** Adam Mayer; Anna Velasquez / KLEW; Associated Press - Spokane; Associated Press Boise (apboise@ap.org); Associated PressWest; Associated Press-Seattle; Bartholdt, Ralph; Becky Kramer; Bill Morlin; Bonner County DailyBee; Ben Wolfinger; Camie Y; Carolyn Lamberson; Chanse Watson; Chris Fillios; Chris Schenck; Craig Etherton; CynthiaPorter; Daniel Mattos; Deborah Shaver; Devin Heilman; dispatch; Eil Francovich; Ernie V; Glen Christmann; IdahoSpokesman Review; ISP Dispatch; Jacob Fries; Jared Brown; Jared Reneau; Jennifer Passaro; Jerry Manter ; jesset@spokesman.com; Joel Donofrio; Jonathan Brunt; KayPoland; Kimberly Edmondson; KHQNews; Kip Hill; KLEW NEWS; KREM T. V. (newsdesk@krem.com); KXLY; Laura Rumpler; Liz Burch; Liz Peterson; Loren Benoit; Mark Gregory; MarkNelke; Matt Street; Melissa Luck; Mia Carlson; Mike Brown; Mike Weiland; MollyPalmer; Nancy Jones; NickGeranios; NWNEWS@NWCN.COM; OEM; Quinn Western; records; Ryan; Sara Cummings; Scott Maben CDA Schools; SDPatrolSgts; Shari Devale; SOPIO; Steve Jackson; Taylor Viydo; Tony Blasick; Wilson Criscione  
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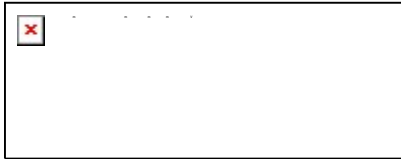
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All the best,  
Seth

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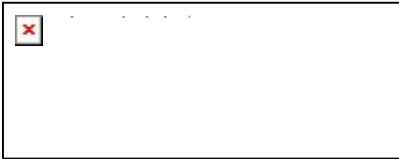
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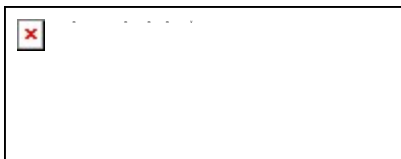
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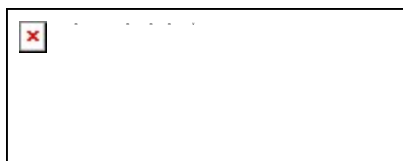
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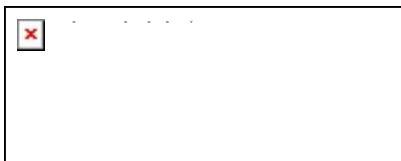
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**From:** Leslie Duncan <lduncan@kcgov.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2020 6:52 AM  
**To:** Nanci Plouffe  
**Subject:** Fwd: COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 Update 4/8

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

**From:** Lora Whalen <LWhalen@phd1.idaho.gov>  
**Date:** 4/9/20 6:25 AM (GMT-08:00)  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FW: COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 Update 4/8

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**From:** Carter, Kris K. <Kris.Carter@dhw.idaho.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 8, 2020 10:15 PM  
**To:**

**Subject:** COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 Update 4/8

Good evening,

Tonight's message includes [global](#) and [national](#) updates, [Idaho](#) epidemiology news, and [academic resources](#). Of note are guidance regarding [critical infrastructure workers](#), and the [effect of air pollution on COVID-19 mortality](#).

**Global**

- On 4/8, WHO reports COVID-19 cases: 1,353,361 (73,639 new); among these, 79,235 deaths (6,695 new). One new country/territory/area (Saint Pierre and Miquelon) has been added to the list reporting COVID-19 cases. For details, see [https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200408-sitrep-79-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=4796b143\\_4](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200408-sitrep-79-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=4796b143_4).
- WHO published "COVID-19 and Food Safety: Guidance for Food Businesses" at <https://www.who.int/publications-detail/covid-19-and-food-safety-guidance-for-food-businesses>.

**National**

*Epidemiology*

- COVID-19: U.S. at a Glance. Total cases: 395,011; among them, 12,754 deaths. Number of jurisdictions reporting cases: 55. Does not include persons repatriated to the United States. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html#2019coronavirus-summary>.
- "Hospitalization Rates and Characteristics of Patients Hospitalized with Laboratory-Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 — COVID-NET, 14 States, March 1–30, 2020," Garg et al. *MMWR*. [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6915e3.htm?s\\_cid=mm6915e3\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6915e3.htm?s_cid=mm6915e3_w). Findings [as expected] suggest that older adults have elevated rates of COVID-19–associated hospitalization and the majority of persons hospitalized with COVID-19 have underlying medical conditions. COVID-19-associated hospitalization rates were higher among males than among females. Among 580 patients with race/ethnicity data, 33% were black compared with 18% black in the catchment population.
- WA DOH: Total cases: 9,097. Total deaths: 421. Counts as of 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time 4/7. <https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus>
- OR OHA: Total cases: 1,239. Total deaths: 38. Counts as of 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time 4/8. <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx>.
- "Community Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 at Two Family Gatherings — Chicago, Illinois, February–March 2020," Ghinai et al. *MMWR*. [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6915e1.htm?s\\_cid=mm6915e1\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6915e1.htm?s_cid=mm6915e1_w).

Investigation of COVID-19 cases in Chicago identified a cluster of 16 confirmed or probable cases, including three deaths, likely resulting from one introduction. Extended family gatherings likely facilitated transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in this cluster.

#### *Guidance and Resources*

- “Interim Guidance for Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19” <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/critical-workers/implementing-safety-practices.html>. To ensure continuity of operations of essential functions, CDC advises that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community. Link to printable flyers for workplaces.
- “Dental Settings: Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Dental Settings During the COVID-19 Response” <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/dental-settings.html> was updated to include risk to personnel when providing emergency care and recommendations for providing emergency care, recommendations for contacting patients prior to emergency dental care, guidance on potential exposure, and contingency and crisis planning.
- “Guidance for Licensed Pharmacists, COVID-19 Testing, and Immunity under the PREP Act,” <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/authorizing-licensed-pharmacists-to-order-and-administer-covid-19-tests.pdf>. Guidance authorizing licensed pharmacists to order and administer COVID-19 tests, including serology tests, that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized.
- “Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Serological Tests,” <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-serological-tests>. FDA reiterates proper use of serologic tests and clarifies the difference between FDA authorized serologic tests (one), and those FDA has allowed patient access to prior to FDA review. The latter tests are NOT FDA approved or authorized.
- “Frequently Asked Questions on the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for Chloroquine Phosphate and Hydroxychloroquine Sulfate for Certain Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients,” <https://www.fda.gov/media/136784/download>.

## **Idaho**

### *Epidemiology*

- Total number of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases, **1,232** (22 new) including **18** deaths. Total number of people tested **12,531**. (Data updated at 5:00 pm MDT 4/8.) For details, click on the link to the data dashboard from <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>. Note that 1) number of cases is based on surveillance system records provided by PHDs and could differ from PHD data posted on their own websites, and 2) data are preliminary and subject to change.
- PHDs are investigating new cases, conducting contact investigations, and monitoring contacts to confirmed cases. Two PHDs are prioritizing these activities because of the extent of community transmission in their jurisdictions.
  - PHD7: Three new cases in the district.  
<https://eiph.idaho.gov/Home/Hot%20Topics/Coronavirus/Daily%20Reports/COVID-19%20Daily%20Report%203%20-%204.8.2020.pdf>

### *Communications*

- Governor Brad Little will answer questions about COVID-19 in Idaho LIVE on Idaho Public Television, April 9, 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/event/governor-little-will-answer-questions-about-covid-19-in-idaho-live-on-idaho-public-television-2/>

### **Academic Resources**

- “Exposure to air pollution and COVID-19 mortality in the United States,” Wu et al, medRxiv 2020.04.05.20054502; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.04.05.20054502>. The authors analyzed data from 3,080 U.S. counties (representing 98% of the population) and found that an increase of 1 µg/m<sup>3</sup> in PM<sub>2.5</sub> were associated with a 15% increase in the COVID-19 death rate (95% CI: 5%, 25%). The study results underscore the

importance of continuing to enforce existing air pollution regulations to protect human health both during and after the COVID-19 crisis. Contributed by Dr. Morgan Willming.

- “Pandemic school closures: risks and opportunities,” Editorial in *The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health*, [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2352-4642\(20\)30105-X](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2352-4642(20)30105-X). The authors state that the greatest threats from COVID-19 to children and adolescents lie outside the clinic, and that public health officials must prioritize plans for how and when to reopen schools, with consideration of alternative measures such as reduced hours or staggered lessons. The pandemic offers an opportunity for young people to develop and hone their resilience and adaptability, and appreciate the value of social responsibility and self-sacrifice for the protection of the most vulnerable.
- “Alcohol use and misuse during the COVID-19 pandemic: a potential public health crisis?” McClay and Parker, in *The Lancet Public Health*. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-2667\(20\)30088-8](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-2667(20)30088-8). The authors argue that isolation might lead to a spike in alcohol misuse, relapse, and potentially, development of alcohol use disorder in at-risk individuals, and recommend that governments should give public health warnings about excessive alcohol consumption during isolation to protect vulnerable individuals.
- “First-wave COVID-19 transmissibility and severity in China outside Hubei after control measures, and second-wave scenario planning: a modelling impact assessment,” Leung et al, in *The Lancet*. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(20\)30746-7](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(20)30746-7). Modelers determined that relaxing interventions when epidemic size was small would increase the cumulative case count exponentially as a function of relaxation duration, and recommend close monitoring of  $R_t$  and cCFR to develop strategies against a potential second wave and achieve an optimal balance between health and economic protection.
- “Prediction models for diagnosis and prognosis of covid-19 infection: systematic review and critical appraisal,” Wynants et al. *BMJ* doi: <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.m1328>. The authors conclude in part, “Prediction models for covid-19 are quickly entering the academic literature to support medical decision making at a time when they are urgently needed. This review indicates that proposed models are poorly reported, at high risk of bias, and their reported performance is probably optimistic. Immediate sharing of well documented individual participant data from covid-19 studies is needed for collaborative efforts to develop more rigorous prediction models and validate existing ones.”
- “Sudden and Complete Olfactory Loss Function as a Possible Symptom of COVID-19,” Eliezer et al. Observation in *JAMA Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg*. <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamaotolaryngology/fullarticle/2764417>. The authors present a case report and support the French Society of ENT findings that sudden and complete olfactory function loss, without nasal obstruction in a patient with other symptoms, such as cough or fever, should alert the clinician to suspect SARS-CoV-2 infection.
- “Coronavirus Update: An interview with NAID Director Anthony S. Fauci, MD – April 8, 2020” is posted at <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/pages/coronavirus-alert#featured-article>. (35 min)

For Idaho media reports and IDHWOC activities please see the situation report posted in WebEOC. For the official situation report for Idaho, see <https://ioem.idaho.gov/>.

Please let me know if you have any epidemiology-related items you would like share in this update for state and local epidemiologists.

Hope you had a good evening,  
Kris

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Abbreviations which might be used in these updates:

AIIR – airborne infection isolation room

BCDP – Bureau of Communicable Disease Prevention

CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CFR – Case fatality rate

CIDRAP – Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy

CME – continuing medical education

CMS – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

COCA – Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (CDC)  
DGMQ – Division of Global Migration and Quarantine (CDC)  
DHW – Idaho Department of Health and Welfare  
DOH – Department of Health  
DPH – Idaho Division of Public Health  
ELR – electronic laboratory report  
EUA – Emergency Use Authorization  
FAQ – frequently asked questions  
FDA – Food and Drug Administration  
FFR – filtering facepiece respirator  
GIS – geographic information system  
HAN – health alert network  
HCP – healthcare personnel  
IBL – Idaho Bureau of Laboratories  
ICU – intensive care unit  
IND – investigational new drug  
IOEM – Idaho Office of Emergency Management  
LTCF – long-term care facility  
NEJM – New England Journal of Medicine  
NIOSH – National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health  
NPAIHB – Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board  
OHA – Oregon Health Authority  
PHD – public health district  
PPE – personal protective equipment  
SNF – skilled nursing facility  
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture  
WHO – World Health Organization

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**Subject:** COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 Update 4/8

Good evening,

Tonight's message includes [global](#) and [national](#) updates, [Idaho](#) epidemiology news, and [academic resources](#). Of note are guidance regarding [critical infrastructure workers](#), and the [effect of air pollution on COVID-19 mortality](#).

## Global

- On 4/8, WHO reports COVID-19 cases: 1,353,361 (73,639 new); among these, 79,235 deaths (6,695 new). One new country/territory/area (Saint Pierre and Miquelon) has been added to the list reporting COVID-19 cases. For details, see [https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200408-sitrep-79-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=4796b143\\_4](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200408-sitrep-79-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=4796b143_4).
- WHO published "COVID-19 and Food Safety: Guidance for Food Businesses" at <https://www.who.int/publications-detail/covid-19-and-food-safety-guidance-for-food-businesses>.

## National

### Epidemiology

- COVID-19: U.S. at a Glance. Total cases: 395,011; among them, 12,754 deaths. Number of jurisdictions reporting cases: 55. Does not include persons repatriated to the United States. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html#2019coronavirus-summary>.
- "Hospitalization Rates and Characteristics of Patients Hospitalized with Laboratory-Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 — COVID-NET, 14 States, March 1–30, 2020," Garg et al. *MMWR*. [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6915e3.htm?s\\_cid=mm6915e3\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6915e3.htm?s_cid=mm6915e3_w). Findings [as expected] suggest that older adults have elevated rates of COVID-19–associated hospitalization and the majority of persons hospitalized with COVID-19 have underlying medical conditions. COVID-19-associated hospitalization rates were higher among males than among females. Among 580 patients with race/ethnicity data, 33% were black compared with 18% black in the catchment population.
- WA DOH: Total cases: 9,097. Total deaths: 421. Counts as of 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time 4/7. <https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus>
- OR OHA: Total cases: 1,239. Total deaths: 38. Counts as of 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time 4/8. <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx>.
- "Community Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 at Two Family Gatherings — Chicago, Illinois, February–March 2020," Ghinai et al. *MMWR*. [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6915e1.htm?s\\_cid=mm6915e1\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6915e1.htm?s_cid=mm6915e1_w). Investigation of COVID-19 cases in Chicago identified a cluster of 16 confirmed or probable cases, including three deaths, likely resulting from one introduction. Extended family gatherings likely facilitated transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in this cluster.

### Guidance and Resources

- "Interim Guidance for Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19" <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/critical-workers/implementing-safety-practices.html>. To ensure continuity of operations of essential functions, CDC advises that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community. Link to printable flyers for workplaces.
- "Dental Settings: Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Dental Settings During the COVID-19 Response" <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/dental-settings.html> was updated to include risk to personnel when providing emergency care and recommendations for providing emergency care,



recommendations for contacting patients prior to emergency dental care, guidance on potential exposure, and contingency and crisis planning.

- “Guidance for Licensed Pharmacists, COVID-19 Testing, and Immunity under the PREP Act,” <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/authorizing-licensed-pharmacists-to-order-and-administer-covid-19-tests.pdf>. Guidance authorizing licensed pharmacists to order and administer COVID-19 tests, including serology tests, that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized.
- “Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Serological Tests,” <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-serological-tests>. FDA reiterates proper use of serologic tests and clarifies the difference between FDA authorized serologic tests (one), and those FDA has allowed patient access to prior to FDA review. The latter tests are NOT FDA approved or authorized.
- “Frequently Asked Questions on the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for Chloroquine Phosphate and Hydroxychloroquine Sulfate for Certain Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients,” <https://www.fda.gov/media/136784/download>.

## Idaho

### Epidemiology

- Total number of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases, **1,232** (22 new) including **18** deaths. Total number of people tested **12,531**. (Data updated at 5:00 pm MDT 4/8.) For details, click on the link to the data dashboard from <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>. Note that 1) number of cases is based on surveillance system records provided by PHDs and could differ from PHD data posted on their own websites, and 2) data are preliminary and subject to change.
- PHDs are investigating new cases, conducting contact investigations, and monitoring contacts to confirmed cases. Two PHDs are prioritizing these activities because of the extent of community transmission in their jurisdictions.
  - PHD7: Three new cases in the district.  
<https://eiph.idaho.gov/Home/Hot%20Topics/Coronavirus/Daily%20Reports/COVID-19%20Daily%20Report%203%20-%204.8.2020.pdf>

### Communications

- Governor Brad Little will answer questions about COVID-19 in Idaho LIVE on Idaho Public Television, April 9, 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/event/governor-little-will-answer-questions-about-covid-19-in-idaho-live-on-idaho-public-television-2/>

### Academic Resources

- “Exposure to air pollution and COVID-19 mortality in the United States,” Wu et al, medRxiv 2020.04.05.20054502; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.04.05.20054502>. The authors analyzed data from 3,080 U.S. counties (representing 98% of the population) and found that an increase of 1  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  in  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  were associated with a 15% increase in the COVID-19 death rate (95% CI: 5%, 25%). The study results underscore the importance of continuing to enforce existing air pollution regulations to protect human health both during and after the COVID-19 crisis. Contributed by Dr. Morgan Willming.
- “Pandemic school closures: risks and opportunities,” Editorial in *The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health*, [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2352-4642\(20\)30105-X](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2352-4642(20)30105-X). The authors state that the greatest threats from COVID-19 to children and adolescents lie outside the clinic, and that public health officials must prioritize plans for how and when to reopen schools, with consideration of alternative measures such as reduced hours or staggered lessons. The pandemic offers an opportunity for young people to develop and hone their resilience and adaptability, and appreciate the value of social responsibility and self-sacrifice for the protection of the most vulnerable.
- “Alcohol use and misuse during the COVID-19 pandemic: a potential public health crisis?” McClay and Parker, in *The Lancet Public Health*. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-2667\(20\)30088-8](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-2667(20)30088-8). The authors argue that isolation might lead to a spike in alcohol misuse, relapse, and potentially, development of alcohol use disorder in at-risk individuals, and recommend that governments should give public health warnings about excessive alcohol consumption during isolation to protect vulnerable individuals.

- “First-wave COVID-19 transmissibility and severity in China outside Hubei after control measures, and second-wave scenario planning: a modelling impact assessment,” Leung et al, in *The Lancet*. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(20\)30746-7](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(20)30746-7). Modelers determined that relaxing interventions when epidemic size was small would increase the cumulative case count exponentially as a function of relaxation duration, and recommend close monitoring of  $R_t$  and cCFR to develop strategies against a potential second wave and achieve an optimal balance between health and economic protection.
- “Prediction models for diagnosis and prognosis of covid-19 infection: systematic review and critical appraisal,” Wynants et al. *BMJ* doi: <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.m1328>. The authors conclude in part, “Prediction models for covid-19 are quickly entering the academic literature to support medical decision making at a time when they are urgently needed. This review indicates that proposed models are poorly reported, at high risk of bias, and their reported performance is probably optimistic. Immediate sharing of well documented individual participant data from covid-19 studies is needed for collaborative efforts to develop more rigorous prediction models and validate existing ones.”
- “Sudden and Complete Olfactory Loss Function as a Possible Symptom of COVID-19,” Eliezer et al. Observation in *JAMA Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg*. <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamaotolaryngology/fullarticle/2764417>. The authors present a case report and support the French Society of ENT findings that sudden and complete olfactory function loss, without nasal obstruction in a patient with other symptoms, such as cough or fever, should alert the clinician to suspect SARS-CoV-2 infection.
- “Coronavirus Update: An interview with NAID Director Anthony S. Fauci, MD – April 8, 2020” is posted at <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/pages/coronavirus-alert#featured-article>. (35 min)

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Hope you had a good evening,  
Kris

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AIIR – airborne infection isolation room  
BCDP – Bureau of Communicable Disease Prevention  
CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
CFR – Case fatality rate  
CIDRAP – Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy  
CME – continuing medical education  
CMS – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
COCA – Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (CDC)  
DGMQ – Division of Global Migration and Quarantine (CDC)  
DHW – Idaho Department of Health and Welfare  
DOH – Department of Health  
DPH – Idaho Division of Public Health  
ELR – electronic laboratory report  
EUA – Emergency Use Authorization  
FAQ – frequently asked questions  
FDA – Food and Drug Administration  
FFR – filtering facepiece respirator  
GIS – geographic information system  
HAN – health alert network  
HCP – healthcare personnel

IBL – Idaho Bureau of Laboratories  
ICU – intensive care unit  
IND – investigational new drug  
IOEM – Idaho Office of Emergency Management  
LTCF – long-term care facility  
NEJM – New England Journal of Medicine  
NIOSH – National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health  
NPAIHB – Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board  
OHA – Oregon Health Authority  
PHD – public health district  
PPE – personal protective equipment  
SNF – skilled nursing facility  
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture  
WHO – World Health Organization

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Good evening,

Tonight's message includes [global](#) and [national](#) updates, [Idaho](#) epidemiology news, and [academic resources](#). Of note are [multiple guidance documents](#) and [new case definition for COVID-19](#).

#### Global

- On 4/7, WHO reports COVID-19 cases: 1,279,722 (68,766 new); among these, 72,614 deaths (5,020 new). One new country/territory/area (São Tomé and Príncipe) has been added to the list reporting COVID-19 cases. For details, see [https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200407-sitrep-78-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=bc43e1b\\_2](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200407-sitrep-78-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=bc43e1b_2).
- Who published "State of the World's Nursing 2020," which provides current evidence and policy options for the global nursing workforce and presents a compelling case for considerable, feasible investment in nursing education, jobs, and leadership. <https://www.who.int/publications-detail/nursing-report-2020>.
- *One World: Together At Home*, a globally televised and streamed special in support of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, will be broadcast live on Saturday, 18 April 2020 at 5:00 p.m. PDT, 6:00 p.m. MDT airing on ABC, NBC, ViacomCBS Networks, and iHeartMedia. The virtual broadcast will show unity among all people who are affected by COVID-19 and feature real experiences from healthcare workers doing life-saving work on the front lines. <https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/06-04-2020-who-and-global-citizen-announce-one-world-together-at-home-global-special-to-support-healthcare-workers-in-the-fight-against-the-covid-19-pandemic>

#### National

##### Epidemiology

- COVID-19: U.S. at a Glance. Total cases: 374,329; among them, 12,064 deaths. Number of jurisdictions reporting cases: 55. Does not include persons repatriated to the United States. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html#2019coronavirus-summary>.
- WA DOH: Total cases: 8,682. Total deaths: 3,94. Counts as of 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time 4/6. <https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus>
- OR OHA: Total cases: 1,181. Total deaths: 33. Counts as of 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time 4/7. <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx>.
- Coronavirus Disease 2019 in Children — United States, February 12–April 2, 2020. Bialek et al. *MMWR* [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6914e4.htm?s\\_cid=mm6914e4\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6914e4.htm?s_cid=mm6914e4_w). The authors describe disease characteristics among pediatric patients in the United States. Data support previous findings that children with COVID-19 might not have reported fever or cough as often as adults do. Most COVID-19 cases in children aren't severe, but serious illness resulting in hospitalization does occur children. Only 23% of 345 pediatric cases with information on underlying conditions had at least one underlying condition. A high percentage of missing

data was observed and several important limitations apply.

[https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6914e4.htm?s\\_cid=mm6914e4\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6914e4.htm?s_cid=mm6914e4_w)

#### *Guidance and Resources*

- “Medical Glove Conservation Strategies: Letter to Health Care Providers,” was published by the FDA at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/letters-health-care-providers/medical-glove-conservation-strategies-letter-health-care-providers> and refers specifically to conservation strategies for surgeons' gloves and patient examination gloves.
- “Guidance for Building Water Systems: Ensure the safety of your building water system and devices after a prolonged shutdown.” <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/building-water-system.html>
- CDC’s “Social Distancing, Quarantine, and Isolation” webpage was updated and now includes cloth face coverings. Note that the definitions for isolation and quarantine differ from those used in Idaho. In Idaho, people (sick or well) are isolated, and locations such as premises are quarantined. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>
- “People with Disabilities” discusses disability types that might increase risk of becoming infected or having unrecognized illness, steps to protect oneself, and preparations to take. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-disabilities.html>
- “Interim Additional Guidance for Outpatient and Ambulatory Care Settings: Responding to Community Transmission of COVID-19 in the United States,” <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ambulatory-care-settings.html> was added to “For Healthcare Professionals” at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/index.html>.
- “Running Essential Errands: Grocery Shopping, Take-Out, Banking, Getting Gas, and Doctor Visits,” provides advice on how to meet household needs in a safe and healthy manner. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/essential-goods-services.html>
- “Mitigate Absenteeism by Protecting Healthcare Workers’ Psychological Health and Well-being during the COVID-19 Pandemic,” was posted at <https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/strategy-to-mitigate-healthcare-workforce-absenteeism-final.pdf>.
- Compiled CDC child care guidance, selected resources, and updated FAQs attached. Contributed by Megan Larson.
- FDA device guidance
  - “FAQs on 3D Printing of Medical Devices, Accessories, Components, and Parts During the COVID-19 Pandemic” was published by FDA at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/3d-printing-medical-devices/faqs-3d-printing-medical-devices-accessories-components-and-parts-during-covid-19-pandemic>.
  - “Enforcement Policy for Remote Ophthalmic Assessment and Monitoring Devices During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency” was issued to provide a policy to help expand the capability of remote ophthalmic assessment and monitoring devices to facilitate patient care while reducing patient and healthcare provider contact and exposure to COVID-19 during this pandemic. <https://www.fda.gov/media/136733/download>
  - “Enforcement Policy for Infusion Pumps and Accessories During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency” was issued to help expand the availability and remote capabilities of infusion pumps and their accessories for health care professionals. <https://www.fda.gov/media/136701/download>

#### **Idaho**

##### *Epidemiology*

- Total number of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases, **1,210** (40 new) including **15** deaths. Total number of people tested **11,898**. (Data updated at 5:00 pm MDT 4/7.) For details, click on the link to the data dashboard from <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>. Note that 1) number of cases is based on surveillance system records provided by PHDs and could differ from PHD data posted on their own websites, and 2) data are preliminary and subject to change.

- PHDs are investigating new cases, conducting contact investigations, and monitoring contacts to confirmed cases. Two PHDs are prioritizing these activities because of the extent of community transmission in their jurisdictions.
  - PHD1: 45 cases in the Panhandle: 42 in Kootenai County, 3 in Bonner County. [http://panhandlehealthdistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/PHD-COVID-19\\_CaseUpdate-4.7.2020.pdf](http://panhandlehealthdistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/PHD-COVID-19_CaseUpdate-4.7.2020.pdf)
  - PHD6: Will announce only new COVID-19 cases in counties that do not already have cases, deaths, and first instances of community transmission in a county. <https://www.siphidaho.org/psa/2020/apr/Confirmed-Case-Announcements.pdf>
  - PHD7: No positive test results today. <https://eiph.idaho.gov/Home/Hot%20Topics/Coronavirus/Daily%20Reports/COVID-19%20Daily%20Report%20-%204.7.2020.pdf>

#### Communications

- Dr. Scott Hutton hosted a weekly COVID-19 call with PHD epidemiologists today. Topics included the new CSTE/CDC case definition for COVID-19, [https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.cste.org/resource/resmgr/2020ps/Interim-20-ID-01\\_COVID-19.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.cste.org/resource/resmgr/2020ps/Interim-20-ID-01_COVID-19.pdf), rapid test availability, various reporting processes, and discussion on challenges and solutions in PHDs.
- Governor Brad Little will answer questions about COVID-19 in Idaho LIVE on Idaho Public Television, April 9, 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/event/governor-little-will-answer-questions-about-covid-19-in-idaho-live-on-idaho-public-television-2/>

#### Academic Resources

- “Medical Masks vs N95 Respirators for Preventing COVID-19 in Health Care Workers: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Randomized Trials,” Bartoszko et al, Formal systematic review in *Influenza and other respiratory viruses*, <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/irv.12745> Meta-analysis of four randomized clinical trials. Compared to N95 respirators, the use of medical masks did not increase laboratory confirmed viral respiratory infection or clinical respiratory illness. Contributed by Dr. Carolyn Bridges.
- “COVID-19, school closures, and child poverty: a social crisis in the making,” Van Lancker and Parolin. Comment in *The Lancet Public Health*, [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-2667\(20\)30084-0](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-2667(20)30084-0). The authors discuss two mechanisms through which school closures will affect poor children in the USA and Europe: food insecurity and living conditions that make home schooling difficult.
- “Age, Complexity, and Crisis — A Prescription for Progress in Pandemic,” Aronson L. Perspective in *NEJM*. [https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2006115?query=featured\\_coronavirus](https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2006115?query=featured_coronavirus). The author recommends strategic additions to current pandemic management: 1) stick to the facts about the elderly, 2) use clinicians who can’t do their usual work to develop crisis-related protocols, 3) acknowledge the particular presentations, needs, and risks of elders in protocols and planning, and 4) prioritize advance care planning and document goal of aggressive, supportive, or palliative care.
- “Review of Emerging Pharmacotherapy for the Treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019,” Barlow et al, Review of therapeutics in *Pharmacotherapy*, <https://accpjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1002/phar.2398>. The authors summarize practical considerations for pharmacotherapy in patients with COVID-19.
- “Bad News Wrapped in Protein: Inside the Coronavirus Genome,” Corum and Zimmer, *The New York Times*. Infographic-packed article on all the proteins in SARS-CoV-2. [https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/04/03/science/coronavirus-genome-bad-news-wrapped-in-protein.html?utm\\_source=Nature+Briefing&utm\\_campaign=d04639c3df-briefing-dy-20200406&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_c9dfd39373-d04639c3df-44913773](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/04/03/science/coronavirus-genome-bad-news-wrapped-in-protein.html?utm_source=Nature+Briefing&utm_campaign=d04639c3df-briefing-dy-20200406&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c9dfd39373-d04639c3df-44913773)

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Good evening,

Tonight's message includes [global](#) and [national](#) updates, [Idaho](#) epidemiology news, and [academic resources](#). Of note are [multiple guidance documents](#) and [new case definition for COVID-19](#).

## Global

- On 4/7, WHO reports COVID-19 cases: 1,279,722 (68,766 new); among these, 72,614 deaths (5,020 new). One new country/territory/area (São Tomé and Príncipe) has been added to the list reporting COVID-19 cases. For details, see [https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200407-sitrep-78-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=bc43e1b\\_2](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200407-sitrep-78-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=bc43e1b_2).
- Who published "State of the World's Nursing 2020," which provides current evidence and policy options for the global nursing workforce and presents a compelling case for considerable, feasible investment in nursing education, jobs, and leadership. <https://www.who.int/publications-detail/nursing-report-2020>.
- *One World: Together At Home*, a globally televised and streamed special in support of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, will be broadcast live on Saturday, 18 April 2020 at 5:00 p.m. PDT, 6:00 p.m. MDT airing on ABC, NBC, ViacomCBS Networks, and iHeartMedia. The virtual broadcast will show unity among all people who are affected by COVID-19 and feature real experiences from healthcare workers doing life-saving work on the front lines. <https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/06-04-2020-who-and-global-citizen-announce-one-world-together-at-home-global-special-to-support-healthcare-workers-in-the-fight-against-the-covid-19-pandemic>

## National

### Epidemiology

- COVID-19: U.S. at a Glance. Total cases: 374,329; among them, 12,064 deaths. Number of jurisdictions reporting cases: 55. Does not include persons repatriated to the United States. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html#2019coronavirus-summary>.
- WA DOH: Total cases: 8,682. Total deaths: 3,94. Counts as of 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time 4/6. <https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus>
- OR OHA: Total cases: 1,181. Total deaths: 33. Counts as of 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time 4/7. <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx>.
- Coronavirus Disease 2019 in Children — United States, February 12–April 2, 2020. Bialek et al. *MMWR* [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6914e4.htm?s\\_cid=mm6914e4\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6914e4.htm?s_cid=mm6914e4_w). The authors describe disease characteristics among pediatric patients in the United States. Data support previous findings that children with COVID-19 might not have reported fever or cough as often as adults do. Most COVID-19 cases in children aren't severe, but serious illness resulting in hospitalization does occur children. Only 23% of 345 pediatric cases with information on underlying conditions had at least one underlying condition. A high percentage of missing data was observed and several important limitations apply. [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6914e4.htm?s\\_cid=mm6914e4\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6914e4.htm?s_cid=mm6914e4_w)

### Guidance and Resources

- "Medical Glove Conservation Strategies: Letter to Health Care Providers," was published by the FDA at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/letters-health-care-providers/medical-glove-conservation-strategies-letter-health-care-providers> and refers specifically to conservation strategies for surgeons' gloves and patient examination gloves.

- “Guidance for Building Water Systems: Ensure the safety of your building water system and devices after a prolonged shutdown.” <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/building-water-system.html>
- CDC’s “Social Distancing, Quarantine, and Isolation” webpage was updated and now includes cloth face coverings. Note that the definitions for isolation and quarantine differ from those used in Idaho. In Idaho, people (sick or well) are isolated, and locations such as premises are quarantined. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>
- “People with Disabilities” discusses disability types that might increase risk of becoming infected or having unrecognized illness, steps to protect oneself, and preparations to take. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-disabilities.html>
- “Interim Additional Guidance for Outpatient and Ambulatory Care Settings: Responding to Community Transmission of COVID-19 in the United States,” <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ambulatory-care-settings.html> was added to “For Healthcare Professionals” at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/index.html>.
- “Running Essential Errands: Grocery Shopping, Take-Out, Banking, Getting Gas, and Doctor Visits,” provides advise on how to meet household needs in a safe and healthy manner. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/essential-goods-services.html>
- “Mitigate Absenteeism by Protecting Healthcare Workers’ Psychological Health and Well-being during the COVID-19 Pandemic,” was posted at <https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/strategy-to-mitigate-healthcare-workforce-absenteeism-final.pdf>.
- Compiled CDC child care guidance, selected resources, and updated FAQs attached. Contributed by Megan Larson.
- FDA device guidance
  - “FAQs on 3D Printing of Medical Devices, Accessories, Components, and Parts During the COVID-19 Pandemic” was published by FDA at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/3d-printing-medical-devices/faqs-3d-printing-medical-devices-accessories-components-and-parts-during-covid-19-pandemic>.
  - “Enforcement Policy for Remote Ophthalmic Assessment and Monitoring Devices During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency” was issued to provide a policy to help expand the capability of remote ophthalmic assessment and monitoring devices to facilitate patient care while reducing patient and healthcare provider contact and exposure to COVID-19 during this pandemic. <https://www.fda.gov/media/136733/download>
  - “Enforcement Policy for Infusion Pumps and Accessories During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency” was issued to help expand the availability and remote capabilities of infusion pumps and their accessories for health care professionals. <https://www.fda.gov/media/136701/download>

## Idaho

### Epidemiology

- Total number of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases, **1,210** (40 new) including **15** deaths. Total number of people tested **11,898**. (Data updated at 5:00 pm MDT 4/7.) For details, click on the link to the data dashboard from <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>. Note that 1) number of cases is based on surveillance system records provided by PHDs and could differ from PHD data posted on their own websites, and 2) data are preliminary and subject to change.
- PHDs are investigating new cases, conducting contact investigations, and monitoring contacts to confirmed cases. Two PHDs are prioritizing these activities because of the extent of community transmission in their jurisdictions.
  - PHD1: 45 cases in the Panhandle: 42 in Kootenai County, 3 in Bonner County. [http://panhandlehealthdistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/PHD-COVID-19\\_CaseUpdate-4.7.2020.pdf](http://panhandlehealthdistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/PHD-COVID-19_CaseUpdate-4.7.2020.pdf)

- PHD6: Will announce only new COVID-19 cases in counties that do not already have cases, deaths, and first instances of community transmission in a county.  
<https://www.siphidaho.org/psa/2020/apr/Confirmed-Case-Announcements.pdf>
- PHD7: No positive test results today.  
<https://eiph.idaho.gov/Home/Hot%20Topics/Coronavirus/Daily%20Reports/COVID-19%20Daily%20Report%20-%204.7.2020.pdf>

#### Communications

- Dr. Scott Hutton hosted a weekly COVID-19 call with PHD epidemiologists today. Topics included the new CSTE/CDC case definition for COVID-19,  
[https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.cste.org/resource/resmgr/2020ps/Interim-20-ID-01\\_COVID-19.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.cste.org/resource/resmgr/2020ps/Interim-20-ID-01_COVID-19.pdf), rapid test availability, various reporting processes, and discussion on challenges and solutions in PHDs.
- Governor Brad Little will answer questions about COVID-19 in Idaho LIVE on Idaho Public Television, April 9, 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/event/governor-little-will-answer-questions-about-covid-19-in-idaho-live-on-idaho-public-television-2/>

#### Academic Resources

- “Medical Masks vs N95 Respirators for Preventing COVID-19 in Health Care Workers: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Randomized Trials,” Bartoszko et al, Formal systematic review in *Influenza and other respiratory viruses*, <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/irv.12745> Meta-analysis of four randomized clinical trials. Compared to N95 respirators, the use of medical masks did not increase laboratory confirmed viral respiratory infection or clinical respiratory illness. Contributed by Dr. Carolyn Bridges.
- “COVID-19, school closures, and child poverty: a social crisis in the making,” Van Lancker and Parolin. Comment in *The Lancet Public Health*, [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-2667\(20\)30084-0](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-2667(20)30084-0). The authors discuss two mechanisms through which school closures will affect poor children in the USA and Europe: food insecurity and living conditions that make home schooling difficult.
- “Age, Complexity, and Crisis — A Prescription for Progress in Pandemic,” Aronson L. Perspective in *NEJM*. [https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2006115?query=featured\\_coronavirus](https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2006115?query=featured_coronavirus). The author recommends strategic additions to current pandemic management: 1) stick to the facts about the elderly, 2) use clinicians who can’t do their usual work to develop crisis-related protocols, 3) acknowledge the particular presentations, needs, and risks of elders in protocols and planning, and 4) prioritize advance care planning and document goal of aggressive, supportive, or palliative care.
- “Review of Emerging Pharmacotherapy for the Treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019,” Barlow et al, Review of therapeutics in *Pharmacotherapy*, <https://accpjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1002/phar.2398>. The authors summarize practical considerations for pharmacotherapy in patients with COVID-19.
- “Bad News Wrapped in Protein: Inside the Coronavirus Genome,” Corum and Zimmer, *The New York Times*. Infographic-packed article on all the proteins in SARS-CoV-2.  
[https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/04/03/science/coronavirus-genome-bad-news-wrapped-in-protein.html?utm\\_source=Nature+Briefing&utm\\_campaign=d04639c3df-briefing-dy-20200406&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_c9dfd39373-d04639c3df-44913773](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/04/03/science/coronavirus-genome-bad-news-wrapped-in-protein.html?utm_source=Nature+Briefing&utm_campaign=d04639c3df-briefing-dy-20200406&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c9dfd39373-d04639c3df-44913773)

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Good evening,

Tonight's message includes [global](#) and [national](#) updates, [Idaho](#) epidemiology news, and [academic resources](#). Of note are compiled [training materials for healthcare personnel](#).

### **Global**

- On 4/6, WHO reports COVID-19 cases: 1,210,956 (77,200 new); among these, 67,594 deaths (4,810 new). One new country/territory/area (South Sudan) has been added to the list reporting COVID-19 cases. For details, see [https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200406-sitrep-77-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=21d1e632\\_2](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200406-sitrep-77-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=21d1e632_2).
- As part of a collaboration among UNICEF, the International Publishers Association, and WHO, popular children's authors will read extracts of their books for the #ReadtheWorld initiative. Details coming soon at <https://www.unicef.org/coronavirus/read-the-world>.

### **National**

#### *Epidemiology*

- COVID-19: U.S. at a Glance. Total cases: 330,891; among them, 8,910 deaths. Number of jurisdictions reporting cases: 55. Does not include persons repatriated to the United States. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html#2019coronavirus-summary>.
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- OR OHA reports a total of 1,132 cases in 29 counties, among them 29 deaths. Counts as of 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time 4/6. <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx>.

#### *Guidance and Resources*

- "What Transit Maintenance Workers Need to Know About COVID-19," was posted at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/transit-maintenance-worker.html>
- "Training for Healthcare Professionals" at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/training.html> compiles numerous trainings for HCP by topic. Includes a link to a self-paced online course with free CE "Nursing Home Infection Preventionist Training Course."
- "Resources for Hospitals and Healthcare Professionals Preparing for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19," <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/preparedness-checklists.html> compiles various resources. Includes strategies to mitigate HCP staffing shortages.
- FDA does not intend to object to the distribution and use of clinical thermometers that are not currently cleared as long as they do not create an undue risk as described in the notice at <https://www.fda.gov/media/136698/download>.

- FDA issued guidance on enforcement policy for infusion pumps and accessories, stating that they do not intend to object to limited modifications of FDA-cleared devices used to support continuous infusions therapy. <https://www.fda.gov/media/136701/download>
- CMS issued “Non-Emergent, Elective Medical Services, and Treatment Recommendations” provides recommendations to limit medical services that could be deferred. <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/31820-cms-adult-elective-surgery-and-procedures-recommendations.pdf>
- CMS issued a Dear Clinician letter including information on accelerated and advance payments, testing and claims reporting for COVID-19, and expanded information on telehealth, workforce flexibilities, quality improvement payments, and emergency waivers. <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-dear-clinician-letter.pdf>

## Idaho

### Epidemiology

- Total number of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases, **1,170 (69 new)** including **13** deaths. Total number of people tested by IBL, **2,263**; total number of people tested through commercial laboratories, **8,732**. (Case count and IBL testing data updated at 5:00 pm MDT 4/6.) For details, click on the link to the data dashboard from <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>. Note that 1) number of cases is based on surveillance system records provided by PHDs and could differ from PHD data posted on their own websites, and 2) data are preliminary and subject to change.
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  - PHD3: Community transmission in Payette County, <https://phd3.idaho.gov/covid-19-community-transmission-detected-in-payette-county/> [This makes a total of 13 counties for which PHDs have announced community spread.]
  - PHD6: 1<sup>st</sup> case in Power County, <https://www.siphidaho.org/psa/2020/apr/COVID-19-case-in-Power-County.pdf>

### Communications

- Governor Little will host a AARP telephone town hall re COVID-19 tomorrow (4/7) noon to 1:00 pm. <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/event/aarp-telephone-town-hall/>
- Dr. Scott Hutton distributed Idaho’s “Guidance on the Use of Cloth Face Coverings.” to PHDs.

### Academic Resources

- “Preventing COVID-19-induced pneumonia with anticytokine therapy,” Monteleone et al, Correspondence in *The Lancet Rheumatology*, [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2665-9913\(20\)30092-8](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2665-9913(20)30092-8). The authors speculate that patients with immune-mediated disorder taking medications that inhibit IL-6 or suppress IL-6 production or mediation of IL-6 signalling might be somewhat protected against COVID-19 pneumonia. Patients with immune-mediated disorders should stay on their medication and continue to take other precautions to prevent infection with SARS-CoV-2.
- “Intensive care management of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19): challenges and recommendations,” Phua et al, Review in *Lancet Respir Med*, <https://www.thelancet.com/action/showPdf?pii=S2213-2600%2820%2930161-2>
- “Structural Variations in Human ACE2 may Influence its Binding with SARS-CoV-2 Spike Protein,” Hussain et al, Research Article in *Journal of Medical Virology* <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1002/jmv.25832> The authors explored the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein and ACE2 alleles, and think it likely that two alleles of ACE2 might confer some resistance against SARS-CoV-2 attachment with the human ACE2 receptor and that it is possible that in some people, a better prognosis might be because of ACE2 variants.

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**Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2020 10:15 PM  
**To:**



**Subject:** COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 Update 4/6

Good evening,

Tonight's message includes [global](#) and [national](#) updates, [Idaho](#) epidemiology news, and [academic resources](#). Of note are compiled [training materials for healthcare personnel](#).

## Global

- On 4/6, WHO reports COVID-19 cases: 1,210,956 (77,200 new); among these, 67,594 deaths (4,810 new). One new country/territory/area (South Sudan) has been added to the list reporting COVID-19 cases. For details, see [https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200406-sitrep-77-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=21d1e632\\_2](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200406-sitrep-77-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=21d1e632_2).
- As part of a collaboration among UNICEF, the International Publishers Association, and WHO, popular children's authors will read extracts of their books for the #ReadtheWorld initiative. Details coming soon at <https://www.unicef.org/coronavirus/read-the-world>.

## National

### *Epidemiology*

- COVID-19: U.S. at a Glance. Total cases: 330,891; among them, 8,910 deaths. Number of jurisdictions reporting cases: 55. Does not include persons repatriated to the United States. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html#2019coronavirus-summary>.
- WA DOH: Total cases: 8,384. Total deaths: 372. Counts as of 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time 4/5. <https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus>
- OR OHA reports a total of 1,132 cases in 29 counties, among them 29 deaths. Counts as of 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time 4/6. <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx>.

### *Guidance and Resources*

- "What Transit Maintenance Workers Need to Know About COVID-19," was posted at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/transit-maintenance-worker.html>
- "Training for Healthcare Professionals" at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/training.html> compiles numerous trainings for HCP by topic. Includes a link to a self-paced online course with free CE "Nursing Home Infection Preventionist Training Course."
- "Resources for Hospitals and Healthcare Professionals Preparing for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19," <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/preparedness-checklists.html> compiles various resources. Includes strategies to mitigate HCP staffing shortages.
- FDA does not intend to object to the distribution and use of clinical thermometers that are not currently cleared as long as they do not create an undue risk as described in the notice at <https://www.fda.gov/media/136698/download>.
- FDA issued guidance on enforcement policy for infusion pumps and accessories, stating that they do not intend to object to limited modifications of FDA-cleared devices used to support continuous infusions therapy. <https://www.fda.gov/media/136701/download>
- CMS issued "Non-Emergent, Elective Medical Services, and Treatment Recommendations" provides recommendations to limit medical services that could be deferred. <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/31820-cms-adult-elective-surgery-and-procedures-recommendations.pdf>

- CMS issued a Dear Clinician letter including information on accelerated and advance payments, testing and claims reporting for COVID-19, and expanded information on telehealth, workforce flexibilities, quality improvement payments, and emergency waivers. <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-dear-clinician-letter.pdf>

## Idaho

### Epidemiology

- Total number of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases, **1,170 (69 new)** including **13** deaths. Total number of people tested by IBL, **2,263**; total number of people tested through commercial laboratories, **8,732**. (Case count and IBL testing data updated at 5:00 pm MDT 4/6.) For details, click on the link to the data dashboard from <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>. Note that 1) number of cases is based on surveillance system records provided by PHDs and could differ from PHD data posted on their own websites, and 2) data are preliminary and subject to change.
- PHDs are investigating new cases, conducting contact investigations, and monitoring contacts to confirmed cases. Two PHDs are prioritizing these activities because of the extent of community transmission in their jurisdictions.
  - PHD3: Community transmission in Payette County, <https://phd3.idaho.gov/covid-19-community-transmission-detected-in-payette-county/> [This makes a total of 13 counties for which PHDs have announced community spread.]
  - PHD6: 1<sup>st</sup> case in Power County, <https://www.siphidaho.org/psa/2020/apr/COVID-19-case-in-Power-County.pdf>

### Communications

- Governor Little will host a AARP telephone town hall re COVID-19 tomorrow (4/7) noon to 1:00 pm. <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/event/aarp-telephone-town-hall/>
- Dr. Scott Hutton distributed Idaho's "Guidance on the Use of Cloth Face Coverings." to PHDs.

### Academic Resources

- "Preventing COVID-19-induced pneumonia with anticytokine therapy," Monteleone et al, Correspondence in *The Lancet Rheumatology*, [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2665-9913\(20\)30092-8](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2665-9913(20)30092-8). The authors speculate that patients with immune-mediated disorder taking medications that inhibit IL-6 or suppress IL-6 production or mediation of IL-6 signalling might be somewhat protected against COVID-19 pneumonia. Patients with immune-mediated disorders should stay on their medication and continue to take other precautions to prevent infection with SARS-CoV-2.
- "Intensive care management of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19): challenges and recommendations," Phua et al, Review in *Lancet Respir Med*, <https://www.thelancet.com/action/showPdf?pii=S2213-2600%2820%2930161-2>
- "Structural Variations in Human ACE2 may Influence its Binding with SARS-CoV-2 Spike Protein," Hussain et al, Research Article in *Journal of Medical Virology* <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1002/jmv.25832> The authors explored the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein and ACE2 alleles, and think it likely that two alleles of ACE2 might confer some resistance against SARS-CoV-2 attachment with the human ACE2 receptor and that it is possible that in some people, a better prognosis might be because of ACE2 variants.

For Idaho media reports and IDHWOC activities please see the situation report posted in WebEOC. For the official situation report for Idaho, see <https://ioem.idaho.gov/>.

Please let me know if you have any epidemiology-related items you would like share in this update for state and local epidemiologists.

Best,  
Kris

Abbreviations which might be used in these updates:

AIIR – airborne infection isolation room  
BCDP – Bureau of Communicable Disease Prevention  
CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
CFR – Case fatality rate  
CIDRAP – Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy  
CME – continuing medical education  
CMS – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
COCA – Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (CDC)  
DGMQ – Division of Global Migration and Quarantine (CDC)  
DHW – Idaho Department of Health and Welfare  
DOH – Department of Health  
DPH – Idaho Division of Public Health  
ELR – electronic laboratory report  
EUA – Emergency Use Authorization  
FAQ – frequently asked questions  
FDA – Food and Drug Administration  
FFR – filtering facepiece respirator  
GIS – geographic information system  
HAN – health alert network  
HCP – healthcare personnel  
IBL – Idaho Bureau of Laboratories  
ICU – intensive care unit  
IND – investigational new drug  
IOEM – Idaho Office of Emergency Management  
LTCF – long-term care facility  
NEJM – New England Journal of Medicine  
NIOSH – National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health  
NPAIHB – Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board  
OHA – Oregon Health Authority  
PHD – public health district  
PPE – personal protective equipment  
SNF – skilled nursing facility  
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture  
WHO – World Health Organization

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**Attachments:** 04-06-2020 Evening Briefing Report.pdf; 4-6-2020 Outdoor Activities.pdf

We hope everyone had a relaxing weekend after our first week of the stay-home order. We've heard from a number of departments reporting that, after some initial adjustments, essential functions are moving forward smoothly as we start the new week. If there is anything the Board can do to assist with those efforts, please let us know.

We'll send out a full memo tomorrow; today's releases from the Emergency Operations team are attached.

Have a good evening.

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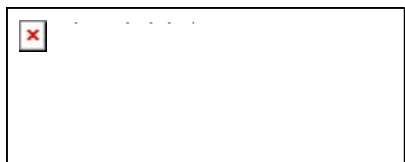
Please email ([sgrigg@idcounties.org](mailto:sgrigg@idcounties.org)) or text (208-695-7312) any questions or topics you would like Governor Little to address during the call by noon on Wednesday, April 8th.

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While this might feel like extra work to participate in the call, the end product will be a cleaner audio call without the background noise. Please let me know if you have any questions and don't forget to register for the call by clicking the link above.

Stay safe everyone,  
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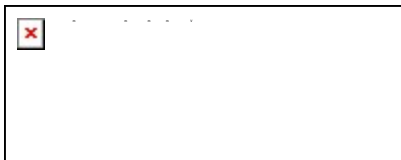
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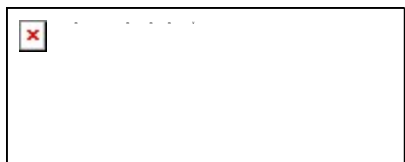
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- State of Idaho EOC
  - Next call Wednesday at 11:00am..
- Public Health District 1
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- Public Health District 2
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- Public Health District 3
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- Public Health District 4
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  - Heard they are setting up a field hospital in Nampa. Would like additional information.
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- Public Health District 5
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  - Have urgent PPE needs, especially in long-term care facilities.
  - Have one long-term care facility with outbreak.

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  - 8 confirmed cases. 1<sup>st</sup> case in Caribou County.
  - Would like clarification of CDC's order to wear masks when outside.
- Public Health District 7
  - 23 confirmed cases.
  - EMS asks questions at the door before entering house. If showing symptoms, call hospital to see if patient should stay at home or be transported.
- Idaho Dept of Public Health and Welfare
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