

Health Department and Health Order Updates – November 13, 2020



- 1) We are still in the **HIGH (RED) RISK LEVEL** for COVID-19 transmission due to the increase in cases. **Teton County is currently experiencing the highest level of COVID-19 transmission to date.**
 - What does RED mean and what can you do? Click [here](#) to view our infographic.
 - Click [here](#) to read recommendations for the general public while in Red Risk Level.
 - To learn how we determine this risk level, view our [metric system](#).
- 2) In the past two weeks (10/29 to 11/11) there were 294 new cases reported. This is **up 223%** from the previous two weeks.
 - 129 cases attributable to community spread (44%)
 - 156 cases had close contact with another known case (53%)
 - 17 cases had a history of travel (6%) – May be included in other 2 categories
- 3) As of 11/12/2020 we have 152 known active cases. Statistics overview can be found [here](#).
- 4) The sustained high levels of daily new COVID-19 cases has overwhelmed the current capacity of the Teton County Health Department case investigation and contact tracing team. Teton County, WY residents who test positive for COVID-19 will still receive a call from one of our case investigators, however it may be delayed due to the high volume. Our team hopes to call all close contacts, however we will be prioritizing the vulnerable populations, those who work with vulnerable populations, essential workers and household members of positive cases. We are asking cases to help us contact close contacts by notifying them and sharing information.

We are asking businesses to conduct their own internal contact tracing with our support. Please identify exposure to the person who tested positive and consider co-worker to co-worker exposure, as well as possible patron exposure. Click [here](#) to learn more. Call (307) 732-8537 with questions.
- 5) **COVID-19 Testing Options**
 - Uninsured or underinsured: call Teton County Health Department at (307) 733-6401.
 - Insured or cash pay: call the St. John's Health hotline at (307) 739-4898 x3.
 - FREE Business Surveillance Testing is still available. Click [here](#) to learn more.
 - FREE COVID-19 Vault Saliva Test Kits are available for [individuals](#) and or for [businesses](#). Tests can be used at a later date. Don't be concerned with the \$150 stated at the beginning of ordering – your final cost at the end is \$0. If you or your staff are a known contact to a positive case, please reach out to the Teton County Health Department. It is recommended to test 7 days after an exposure to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 to ensure the most accurate results.
- 6) To sign up for **weekly COVID-19 updates** through Nixle Text TC_COVID to 888777. Envíe TC_COVID 888777 y resonda ESP.
- 7) **Extended Orders and Recommendations**
 - The 16th continuation of Health Orders #1, #2, and #3 are valid from November 16th through November 23rd. Click [here](#) to view the orders. There are no changes to the orders with the exception of the shortened time frame.
 - The 5th continuation of the Teton District Public Health Order #20-6 (requiring adults to wear face coverings) has been extended through November 30, 2020. Click [here](#) to read the order.
 - The 5th continuation of the Teton District Public Health Recommendation #9 (encouraging early closure of bars and restaurants) has been extended through November 30, 2020. Click [here](#) to read the order.