

### Case reporting:

South Central Public Health District reports confirmed COVID-19 cases as soon as the following conditions are met:

- The individual's healthcare provider sent in a sample to a lab approved by CDC for COVID-19 testing. That sample tested positive for COVID-19
- The individual has been informed of those results
- The individual's state and county of residence have been verified

Result times vary depending on the lab used and the number of tests that lab is working through. It is likely some newly announced cases have been waiting several days for results and are already in isolation.

The first case in each county will be announced in a press release, but any additional cases will be added to the county total when the website is updated around 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Only essential information about each case will be released to protect the privacy of each patient. Learn more about medical privacy laws here: <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/index.html>. Investigators will reach out to the close contacts of all confirmed cases for monitoring.

### Fatality reporting:

South Central Public Health District reports confirmed COVID-19 cases as soon as the following conditions are met:

- A death certificate has been filed with the state confirming COVID-19 as the cause.

There may be a several-day delay in reporting the fatality if the coroner has to perform an investigation to identify the cause of death.

The first case in each county will be announced in a press release, but any additional cases will be added to the county total on the state website: <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>.

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