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Community spread of COVID-19 detected in Minidoka County

MINIDOKA COUNTY – South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) has confirmed at least one case of novel coronavirus with no out-of-state travel and no identified contact with another person with confirmed COVID-19.

Community spread means at least one person has been infected with the virus and investigation is not able to determine how or where they became infected. The individual under investigation did not travel and had no identified contact with another person with COVID-19. **Public Health officials expect more confirmed cases in Minidoka County and urge all residents to assume the virus could be anywhere in the community and surrounding counties.**

“Even as the state works toward reopening, we are still seeing new cases in almost all of our counties,” said Logan Hudson, SCPHD Public Health Division Administrator. “This is a good reminder that the virus is still very active and we all need to do our part to protect our communities. If an area is too crowded—leave. Wear a mask when you are out in public and around other people. Continue to take precautions so you don’t have to be the next person we are calling on the phone asking to stay indoors for the next two weeks.”

South Central Public Health District is running two hotlines for information about COVID-19. One in English at (208) 737-1138, and one in Spanish, at (208) 737-5965. These hotlines are currently running from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Please refer to <https://phd5.idaho.gov/coronavirus> for the latest local numbers and <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/> for Idaho-specific information and guidance.