



BCH COVID-19 Testing:
Tests Completed: 30
Negative Results: 29
Positive Results: 0
Outstanding Tests: 1

***Numbers as of 04/17/2020 9:00 a.m.*

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

4/17/2020 Community Update

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is closely monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak.

As of 04/17/2020, Idaho is reporting 1,609 cases of COVID-19.

*The Panhandle Health District (Northern Idaho) is reporting 53 cases
(4 cases in Bonner County, 49 in Kootenai County)*

What is BCH doing to prevent the spread of COVID-19?

- Incident Command is set-up
- One Point of Entrance for everyone (ER Side Entrance)
- Everyone will have their temperature taken & asked a series of questions prior to entering the building
- "NO Visitor" policy is in place (exceptions for end of life care & minors)
- Elective Procedures on hold at this time
- Clinic visits limited. Implemented Call-in Clinic & utilizing Telemedicine
- ER still seeing patients, open 24/7/365
- ER triage and curb-side COVID testing
- Inventory of our PPE is being done daily
- The kitchen is serving food on a grab and go basis or curb side service
- Communication with Benewah County Emergency Office Center is operational
- Meetings with Governor and Region 1 Healthcare Coalition weekly
- Cancellation of most meetings. Some meetings being conducted via conference line
- Requiring staff to follow stay home order or self-quarantine for 14 days
- Social Distancing – remain 6 feet away from others



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Who do I call with COVID-19 Questions?

The preferred number to call is the Panhandle Health COVID-19 Hotline: 877-415-5225.

BCH also has a Nurse available to answer questions Mon-Fri, 8:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.: 208-245-7633.

For after hours, call the ER: 208-245-7623 or 208-245-5551.

Idaho COVID-19 Information:

Hotline: 877-415-5225

Beginning Monday, April 20, 2020, the Panhandle Health District hotline hours will be **8am – 5pm, Monday-Friday**. Voicemails will be checked each weekday morning and on Saturdays at 1pm.

Statewide Stay-Home Order

Governor Little extends stay-home order to April 30, 2020.

Read the order here:

<https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/statewide-stay-home-order/>