

WYOMING KEY POINTS

NOVEMBER 2020



COVID-19

Novel-coronavirus 2019

Wyoming COVID-19
Lab Confirmed Cases

12,059

WYOMING STATS

Lab Confirmed Cases

Total Lab Confirmed Cases	12,059
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	87
Confirmed Cases Recovered	7,649

Probable Cases

Total Probable Cases	2,108
Probable Cases Recovered	1,314

Total Active Cases

5,117

AFFECTED AREAS

- Albany
- Big Horn
- Campbell
- Carbon
- Converse
- Crook
- Fremont
- Goshen
- Hot Springs
- Johnson
- Laramie
- Lincoln
- Natrona
- Niobrara
- Lincoln
- Natrona
- Park
- Platte
- Sheridan
- Sublette
- Sweetwater
- Teton
- Uinta
- Washakie
- Wind River
- Indian Reservation
- Weston

GOVERNOR MARK GORDON HAS MADE FREE, AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTING AVAILABLE TO THE STATE'S RESIDENTS.

The saliva test is administered by Vault Health and allows residents to get results at home without needing to visit a healthcare provider. Wyoming has purchased 75,000 tests and could obtain additional tests if needed. The program will supplement currently available testing options that include private healthcare providers, hospitals and some pharmacies.

The governor is using Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds for the testing program. The White House has said expanded testing will greatly improve Wyoming's ability to track the epidemic, particularly when activities move back indoors.

"This at-home, non-invasive testing option is another tool to help Wyoming slow the spread of this virus," Gordon said. "It's one more way we can help protect our vulnerable populations, keep businesses open, and make sure our hospital beds are available to those who need them."

More information about Vault testing is available at a dedicated [Wyoming Department of Health](#) web page. The \$150 testing fee is waived for all kits shipped to a Wyoming address and all shipping is prepaid. The saliva is collected during a supervised, online telehealth visit with a Vault test supervisor, which requires an internet connection. Results are reported within 48 hours of when your sample arrives at the lab.

[ORDER A FREE AT HOME COVID-19 TEST KIT HERE](#)

WITH VIRUS ESCALATING, DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS CRITICAL

With reported cases of COVID-19 recently escalating along with hospitalizations and confirmed coronavirus-related deaths, a Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) official says it is critical time for residents to follow the department's recommendations meant to slow and limit new cases of the virus.

"Our coronavirus cases are growing far too quickly and we are facing a deeply concerning situation across the state," said Dr. Alexia Harrist, state health officer and state epidemiologist with WDH. "It is up to all of us to help prevent Wyoming's problem from getting far worse."

Harrist said we all need to stay home and away from other people when sick unless seeking medical help. "This is important even you are just a little sick. If you have symptoms, don't automatically assume it's nothing. Plenty of people have done that and spread the virus among their families and friends and at their workplaces," she said.

"Keeping at least 6 feet of physical distance between ourselves and others who aren't members of your household whenever possible continues to be important," Harrist continued.

WDH recommends wearing cloth face coverings when people are in public settings or around other people who aren't members of their households and physical distancing is not reasonable or practical. "We know masks can work and help slow the spread of this virus. We are seeing that happen within classrooms, for example," Harrist said.

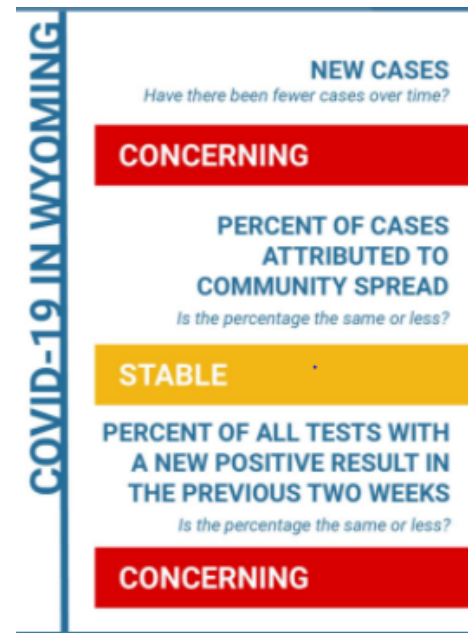
The department also encourages frequent and thorough hand washing to help with COVID-19 prevention as well as many other illnesses.

Harris said it is important for people who have possible COVID-19 symptoms to get tested. "Don't avoid testing because you don't want to get bad news. You need to know so you can avoid exposing others to the virus," she explained.

"We also need people to follow our public health orders and to follow the directives and advice from public health representatives," Harrist said. "If they reach out, answer the phone or return the calls. Answer their questions honestly. If you are asked to get tested, get tested. If you are told to isolate or quarantine, do it."

Harrist said it's not too late to improve the situation. "However, we won't be successful if people don't take simple steps to avoid spreading COVID-19 to someone who can't recover easily or recover at all. It could be a family member, a friend or someone you don't know. But doing what you can do to help is the right thing to do."

For more information on COVID-19 in Wyoming, including current data, recommendations and details about free in-home testing, visit <https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/infectious-disease-epidemiology-unit/disease/novel-coronavirus/>.



COVID-19
STATE/COUNTY
DASHBOARD



CDC KEY POINTS

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time when many families travel long distances to celebrate together. Travel increases the chance of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. If you must travel, be informed of the [risks involved](#).

Lower risk activities

- Having a small [dinner](#) with only people who live in your household
- Preparing traditional family recipes for family and neighbors, and delivering them in a way that doesn't involve contact with others
- Having a virtual dinner and sharing recipes with friends and family
- Shopping online rather than in person on the day after Thanksgiving or the next Monday
- Watching sports events, parades, and movies from home

Moderate risk activities

- Having a small outdoor [dinner](#) with family and friends who live in your community
- Lower your risk by following CDC's recommendations on [hosting gatherings or cook-outs](#).
- Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples, wearing masks is encouraged or enforced, and people are able to maintain social distancing
- Attending a small outdoor sports events with safety precautions in place

Higher risk activities

- Going shopping in crowded stores just before, on, or after Thanksgiving
- Participating or being a spectator at a crowded race
- Attending crowded parades
- Using [alcohol or drugs](#), which can cloud judgement and increase risky behaviors
- Attending large indoor gatherings with people from outside of your household

For up to date information about COVID-19 visit the following:

- Visit CDC's [COVIDView](#) for a weekly summary and interpretation of key indicators that have been adapted to track the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States.
- On April 15, CDC began posting demographic characteristics of [COVID-19 cases in the United States](#).
- [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#) provides frequently updated surveillance data and contains cumulative counts reported to the CDC since January 21, 2020.

LABORATORY

WPHL

Number of Tests 93,376

Private Lab

Number of Tests 167,497

Total Lab Tests

260,873

Total Confirmed Positive Tests:

14,167

KEYS TO HELP FIGHT COVID-19:

- KEY** Stay home if you are sick.
- KEY** Wash your hands regularly with soap and water.
- KEY** Wear a mask in public or when you aren't able to social distance.
- KEY** Keep 6ft apart when possible in public settings.

CDC SNAPSHOT

Total Cases

9,182,628

Total Deaths

230,383

Total Tests Reported

149,941,354

[Symptom Self-Checker](#)

WYOMING COVID-19 INFORMATION



ONLINE

HEALTH.WYO.GOV
WOHS.US
COVID19.WYO.GOV
CDC.GOV



PHONE

DIAL 211 or 1-888-425-7138
**AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY 8AM-6PM



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WEBSITES

[Wyo Dept of Health](#)

[WISP](#)

[Wyoming COVID-19](#)

[Wyoming Hunger Initiative](#)

[Federal COVID-19](#)

[CDC COVID-19](#)

[WDH Behavioral Health](#)



EMOTIONAL

Coping effectively with life and creating satisfying relationships.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Good health by occupying pleasant, stimulating environments that support well-being.

FINANCIAL

Satisfaction with current and future financial situations.

INTELLECTUAL

Recognizing creative abilities and finding ways to expand knowledge and skills.

SOCIAL

Developing a sense of connection, belonging, and a well-developed support system.

PHYSICAL

Recognizing the need for physical activity, diet, sleep, and nutrition.

SPIRITUAL

Expanding our sense of purpose and meaning in life.

WELLNESS

OCCUPATIONAL

Personal satisfaction and enrichment derived from one's work.

SOCIAL MEDIA

[Governor Mark Gordon](#)

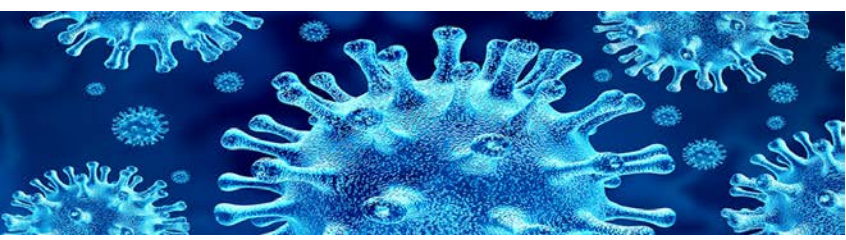
[WDH-PHPR](#)

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Find out more about creating a healthier life:

<https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Creating-a-Healthier-Life-/SMA16-4958>



COVID-19 RESPONSE | STATEWIDE PPE DISTRIBUTION

SEPTEMBER 2020

The COVID-19 Response Unified Command Group supports state, local, and tribal efforts to anticipate, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic by distributing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to protect the health and safety of our healthcare workers, public health responders, and critical workforce.

Value of PPE Distributed: \$2,650,337



What Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Was Distributed?

Gloves	• 322,700 - Worn to protect the wearer and/or the patient from the spread of infection or illness
Gowns	• 92,974 - Worn to protect arms and exposed body areas during procedures and patient-care
Face Shields	• 115,628 - Beneficial if someone cannot wear a mask
N95 Respirators	• 87,739 - Fits tightly on your face and is the best in filtering small airborne particles
Face Masks	• 481,157 - Wearing a mask helps to protect others in your community.



Who Were the Recipients of the PPE?



Nursing Homes Senior Centers Fire Departments Correctional Facilities Vision Clinics Physical Therapy Practices	Law Enforcement Agencies Homeless Shelters Emergency Medical Services Medical Offices and Clinics Housing Authorities
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Notifications: The Unified Command Resource Unit contacted each jurisdiction to coordinate shipments.

Warehouse: The Unified Command warehouse staff (two WDH staff and two WOHS staff) picked supplies, packed, palletized (245 pallets, labeled, and prepared PPE for shipment by our Third Party Logistics (3PL) partner.

Partners



- Wyoming Department of Health
- Wyoming Office of Homeland Security (WOHS)
- Wyoming Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety
- Wyoming Department of Revenue
- Local Public Health
- Local Emergency Management
- 3PL Partner

Quick Facts

Date: September 2020

Location: Statewide



Preparedness Capabilities

- ✓ Emergency Operations Management and Distribution
- ✓ Responder Health and Safety

Stages of the Emergency Management Cycle:

- ✓ Response
- ✓ Mitigation

Other Items Shipped

- ✓ Hand Sanitizer
- ✓ Goggles
- ✓ Thermometers

Quotes from Partners

"Again, the work being done by you and the team down there is fantastic and appreciated."

"Thank you all for doing this ... very grateful for everything received."



What was the Impact?

The COVID-19 Response Unified Command partnered with multiple agencies to procure and ship PPE to mitigate the spread of disease and distribute life saving supplies to the right people at the right time during this public health emergency.

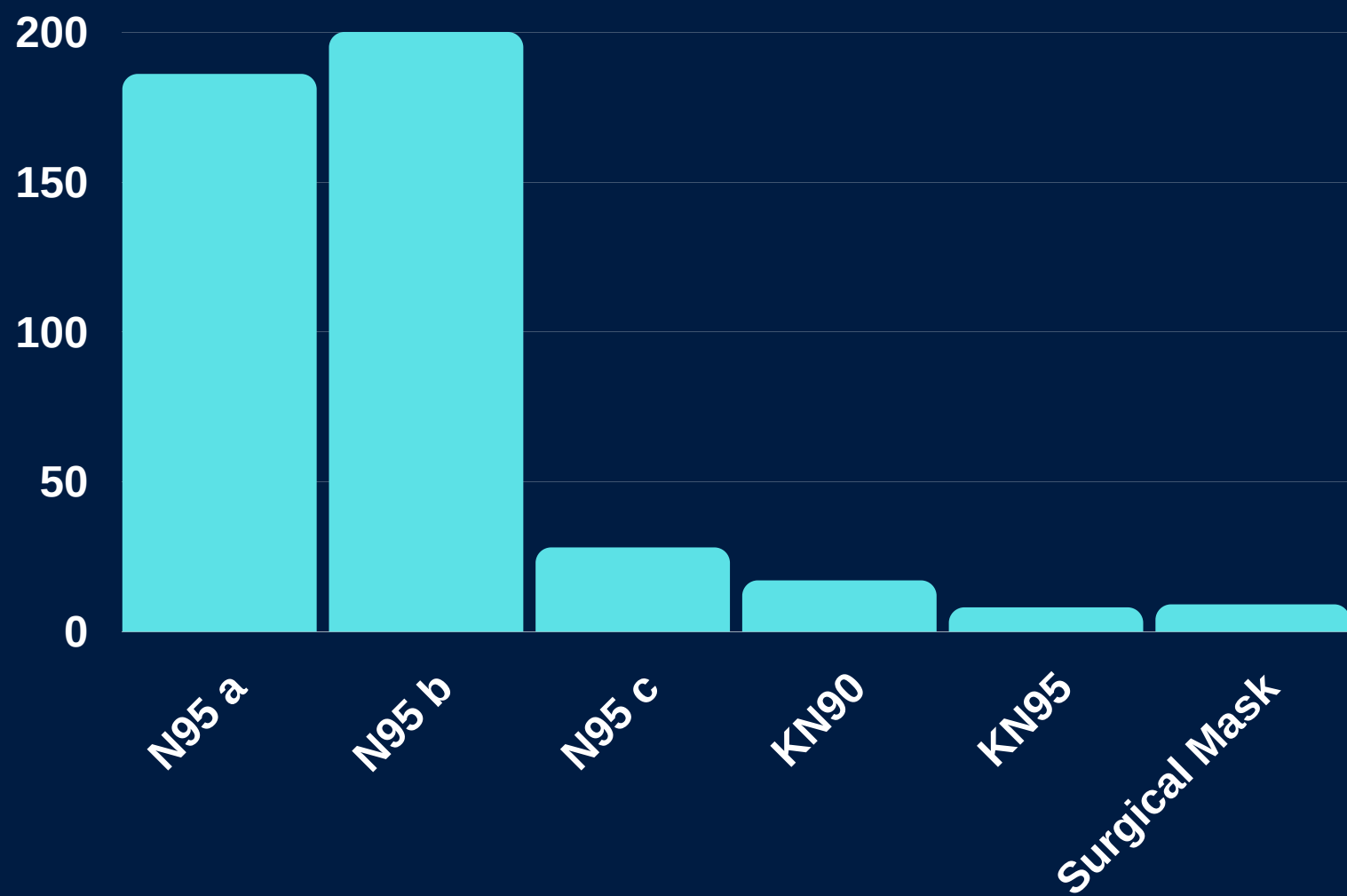
Best Practices:

- Leverage existing partnerships and plans to procure and ship PPE.
- Use of the existing response-ready emergency management capacity by teaming WDH and WOHS teams in a unified command with expertise in leading or supporting responses.

What's Next?

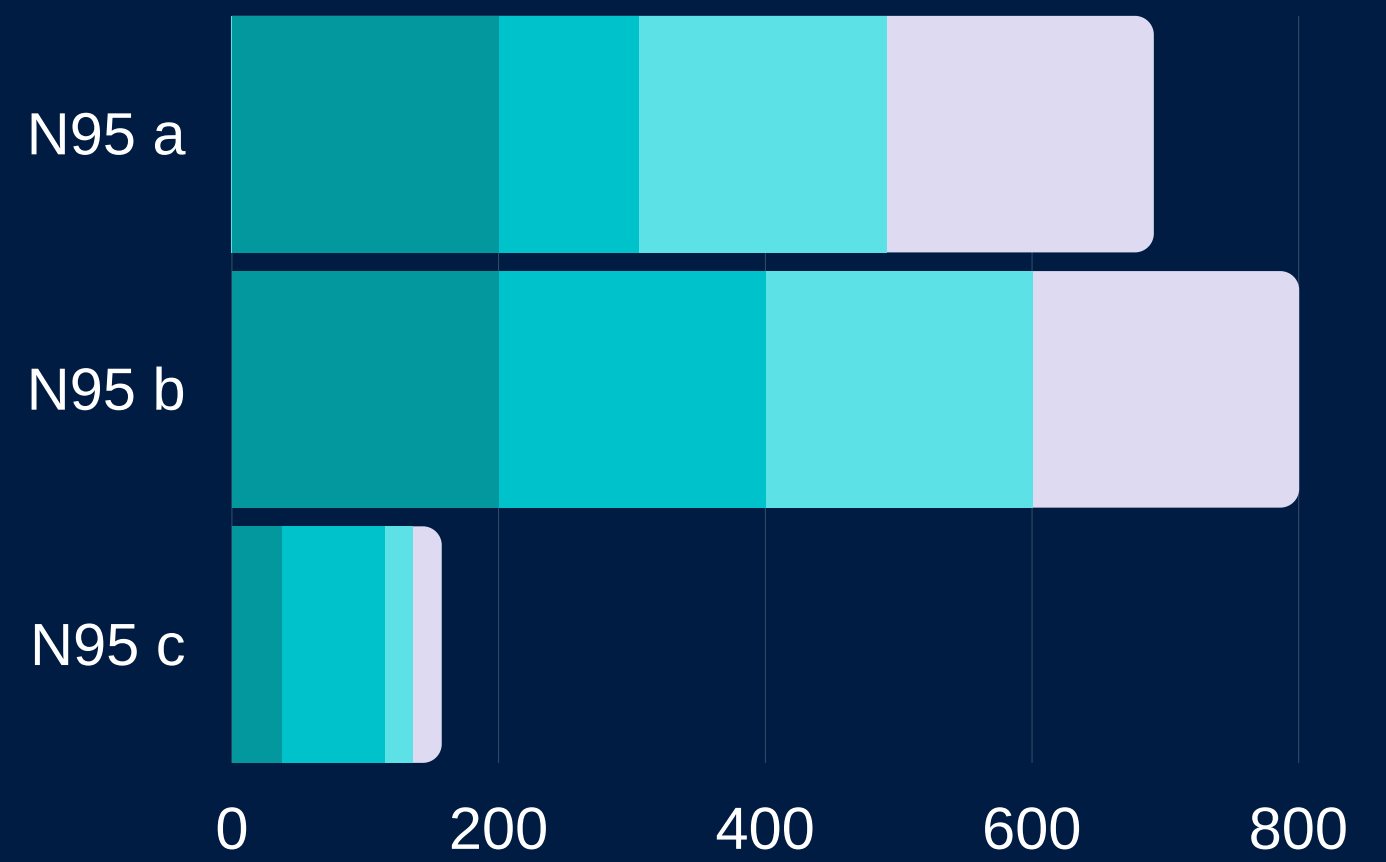
- Unified Command will continue to ship PPE to protect healthcare workers, responders, and critical workforce.

N95 AND SURIGCAL MASK FILTERING EFFICIENCIES



OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS

Tests were completed using four (4) activities: bending over, talking, side to side head movement, and up and down head movement. This graphic represents the mean score of all four (4) activities for each brand/type of mask.



COMPARISON - TOP 3 MASKS

During fit testing, each mask received a score of effectiveness based on a scale of 0-200, where each activity could score up to 200 points. The minimum to pass a fit testing score is 100 points in each activity.

N95 a

- FDA Approved
- Scored over 100 points on each activity.
- Consult with physician prior to wear
- Complete fit testing prior to wear

N95 b

- FDA Approved
- Scored 200 points on each activity
- Consult with physician prior to wear
- Complete fit testing prior to wear



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