

WYOMING KEY POINTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020

Coronavirus Disease 2019 Outbreak

COVID-19

LABORATORY CONFIRMED
CASES IN WYOMING

583

WYOMING STATS

LAB CONFIRMED POSITIVE

Total Lab Confirmed Cases	583
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	10
Confirmed Cases Recovered	388

PROBABLE CASES

Total Probable Cases	193
Probable Cases Recovered	140

AFFECTED AREAS

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

MARCH, APRIL CORONAVIRUS-RELATED DEATHS ADDED TO WYOMING TOTAL

May 18, 2020

Deaths of two Wyoming residents that occurred in March and April have been added to Wyoming's total count of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) deaths, according to the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH).

Both deaths occurred in Colorado and were reported very recently to Wyoming's Vital Statistics Services Office, which is part of WDH. Neither had been included previously in Wyoming's case count.

An older woman from Carbon County who had existing conditions that put her at higher risk of serious illness related to the virus died in late April. An older man from Laramie County also died in late March, but it is unclear whether he had higher risk-related conditions.

"When Wyoming residents pass away in another state from a disease such as COVID-19, it is a widely accepted practice to track those deaths based on the location of the person's permanent residence," said Guy Beaudoin, deputy state registrar with WDH.

"In Wyoming, we have instructed medical certifiers such as attending physicians and coroners that COVID-19 should only be reported on death certificates when the disease caused or contributed to a person's death," he said. "So if someone who happens to be positive for COVID-19 died due to an automobile accident, their passing would not be counted as a coronavirus-related death. "Deaths associated with COVID-19 are being counted by WDH in the same manner as influenza-related deaths have long been reported in Wyoming with a focus on death certificate information. Beaudoin noted it is not unexpected to experience delays in receiving information from other states. "Within Wyoming, we are working closely with hospitals and coroners and are able to receive information much more quickly," he said.

For more information about COVID-19 from WDH, [click here](#)

LAB UPDATES

- Will continue to send out sampling kits to the local jurisdictions.

PPE UPDATES

- Local Distribution Site and/or PPE Storage photos are due May 21st
- PPE Inventory updates are due COB May 21st

WYOMING KEY POINTS, CONT.



CDC KEY POINTS

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) INFORMATION

CDC has released six decision trees to help state, tribal, local, and territorial leaders gradually scale up activities. The decision trees include questions and considerations that organizations should think through when deciding how to scale up their operations, such as:

- Whether reopening is consistent with state and local orders
- Whether recommended health and safety actions are in place
- Whether ongoing monitoring is in place

These tools provide guidance in PDF form for—

- [Workplaces where employees may be at higher risk for severe illness](#)
- [Schools](#)
- [Mass transit](#)
- [Child care](#)
- [Youth programs and camps](#)
- [Restaurants and bars](#)

These tools can be implemented at the state, tribal, local, and territorial levels, but **do not** supersede those governments' public health recommendations. The tools emphasize the importance of working with appropriate health officials and being flexible to the unique needs and circumstances within communities.

GUIDANCE FOR OPENING BUSINESSES

CDC recommends wearing a cloth face covering in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

- If you have COVID-19, even if you don't have symptoms, cloth face coverings can help prevent you spreading the virus to others.
- Cloth face coverings should not be placed on children under age 2.

If your community is reopening, know what precautions to take in public settings.

- Put distance, about 6 feet (or two arms' length), between yourself and others.
- Continue to limit your risk by taking steps to reduce the number of places you go and your exposure to other people.
- [Order food and other items online](#) for home delivery or curbside pickup (if possible).
- Order groceries for contactless pickup or delivery. Only visit the grocery store and other stores in person when you absolutely need to.

Employers who are making decisions about reopening should—

- Promote hand washing and encourage employees to wear a cloth face covering, as feasible
- Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation
- Encourage social distancing and enhance spacing between employees
- Consider modifying travel and commuting practices.
- Promote telework for employees who do not live in the local area, if feasible.
- Train all employees on health and safety protocols

LAB

WPHL

Number of Tests
8,340

PRIVATE LAB

Number of Tests
9,708

TOTAL LAB TESTS

18,048

TOTAL CONFIRMED POSITIVE TESTS:

583

CDC SNAPSHOT

TOTAL CASES

1,504,830

TOTAL DEATHS

90,340

TOTAL REPORTING JURISDICTIONS

55

CDC REPORTS

TOTAL TESTS REPORTED TO CDC

12,601,143

NUMBER OF POSITIVE SPECIMENS REPORTED

1,699,375

[Symptom Self-Checker](#)

WYOMING KEY POINTS, CONT.



SOCIAL MEDIA

LIKE AND SHARE!

Key Messages going out on social media include the following:

- Mental/Behavioral Health
- Cloth Masks for public
- Reopening Recommendations
- Share messages from Governor Gordon, WOHS, and WDH
- CDC Guidance for COVID-19

**RUMORS OR HIGHLIGHTS?
SEND TO
UC.PIO@WYO.GOV**

2-1-1 UPDATE

COVID-19 CALL REPORT

TOTAL 211
CALLS/EMAILS: **1382**

TOTAL COVID
CALLS/EMAILS: **801**

WEBSITE VISITS:
COVID FAQ **2133**



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS



Be Kind to Your Mind

Tips to cope with stress during COVID-19

- 1 **PAUSE.** Breathe. Notice how you feel
- 2 **TAKE BREAKS** from COVID-19 content
- 3 **MAKE TIME** to sleep and exercise
- 4 **REACH OUT** and stay connected
- 5 **SEEK HELP** if overwhelmed or unsafe

[Click here for more information](#)

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