

# WYOMING KEY POINTS

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020

Coronavirus Disease 2019 Outbreak

# COVID-19

LABORATORY CONFIRMED  
CASES IN WYOMING

# 529

## WYOMING STATS

### LAB CONFIRMED POSITIVE

Total Lab Confirmed Cases	529
Total COVID-19 Related Deaths	7
Confirmed Cases Recovered	352

### PROBABLE CASES

Total Probable Cases	172
Probable Cases Recovered	135

## 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

## DEPARTMENT OFFERS TESTING UPDATE, ADVICE FOR WYOMING

May 14, 2020 - The Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) is encouraging residents with COVID-19 symptoms to get tested to help prevent further spread and outbreaks, but to also be aware of different types of testing and what they may or may not be able to reveal. Dr. Alexia Harrist, state health officer and state epidemiologist with WDH, said testing is more available now than at other points of the pandemic.

"We want anyone with symptoms that could be COVID-19 to ask about testing," she said. "Identifying individuals with COVID-19 helps us track this disease. No one should avoid testing out of fear. Knowing what's going on in Wyoming is good for all of us." Harrist emphasized it isn't known yet if having antibodies to the COVID-19 virus can protect someone from getting infected again or how long any possible protection might last.

"It's unclear whether COVID-19 antibodies can provide immunity against getting future infections. A positive antibody test result should not be viewed by anyone as a 'free pass' or guarantee against new illness," she said.

"It can take 1-3 weeks after you are infected with a virus for your body to make antibodies. That's why it is not a good method to see if you are currently ill," Harris said.

If a reliable antibody blood test is used, a positive result can show a person has antibodies that likely resulted from an earlier COVID-19 infection. Some people might test positive without ever experiencing symptoms.

Individuals who test negative for COVID-19 with a reliable antibody test probably did not have a previous infection with the virus that has since gone away. "We know many people are curious to know whether an episode of illness they had earlier this year was actually due to COVID-19," Harrist said.

[Click here](#) to read the complete news release.

## 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
- Inventory updates are due May

## WYOMING KEY POINTS, CONT.



## CDC KEY POINTS

### CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) NEW GUIDANCE

#### MANUFACTURING WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS

CDC and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) have released new interim guidance for [Manufacturing Workers and Employers](#).

- This guidance provides information about exposure risk among manufacturing workers, creating a COVID-19 assessment and control plan, and implementing the hierarchy of controls to help prevent infections among workers.
- Some manufacturing facilities are part of the critical manufacturing sector identified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.
- CDC's Critical Infrastructure Guidance advises that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic, have not had a positive test result for COVID-19, and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community.
- Facilities that are not part of the critical manufacturing sector should follow the CDC Public Health Recommendations for [Community-Related Exposure](#) following a workers' potential exposure to COVID-19.
- Manufacturing facilities developing plans for continuing operations if COVID-19 cases occur among workers or in the surrounding community should work directly with appropriate state and local public health officials and occupational safety and health professionals.
- Facility managers should incorporate relevant aspects of CDC guidance, including but not limited to interim guidance for Manufacturing Workers and Employers and CDC's Critical Infrastructure Guidance.

#### WORKER SAFETY

CDC has added a new [Worker Safety and Support](#) section to its resources for [Communities, Schools, Workplaces, and Events](#).

- The new pages include sections on coping and resilience, workplace guidance, and safety steps for specific occupations, such as aircraft maintenance workers and commercial ground transportation drivers.
- It is important for workers to recognize and address symptoms of stress, such as irritation, anxiety, or lack of motivation.
- Common work-related factors that can add to stress during a pandemic include

## LAB

### WPHL

Number of Tests  
7,128

### PRIVATE LAB

Number of Tests  
8,288

### TOTAL LAB TESTS

15,416

### TOTAL CONFIRMED

### POSITIVE TESTS:

529

## CDC SNAPSHOT

### TOTAL CASES

1,384,930

### TOTAL DEATHS

83,947

### TOTAL REPORTING

### JURISDICTIONS

55

## CDC REPORTS

### TOTAL TESTS REPORTED TO CDC

4,882,263

### NUMBER OF POSITIVE SPECIMENS REPORTED

832,238

[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  
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## 2-1-1 UPDATE

### COVID-19 CALL REPORT

TOTAL 211  
CALLS/EMAILS: 1275

TOTAL COVID  
CALLS/EMAILS: 751

WEBSITE VISITS:  
COVID FAQ 2023



## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Staying physically active is one of the best ways to keep your mind and body healthy. In many areas, people can visit parks, trails, and open spaces as a way to relieve stress, get some fresh air and vitamin D, stay active, and safely connect with others. For more information [click here](#).

### DO

- ✓ Visit parks that are close to your home
- ✓ Prepare before you visit
- ✓ Stay at least 6 feet away from others ("social distancing") and take other steps to prevent COVID-19
- ✓ Play it safe around and in swimming pools. Keep space between yourself and others

### DONT

- ✗ Visit parks if you are sick or were recently exposed to COVID-19
- ✗ Visit crowded parks
- ✗ Use playgrounds
- ✗ Participate in organized activities or sports

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## WEBSITES

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