COVID-19 in Idaho: Dashboard Notes

Data are preliminary and subject to change.

Data release schedule

- The Department of Health and Welfare will update case data Monday-Friday, excluding holidays at coronavirus.idaho.gov by 5 p.m. MT
- Hospitalization data will be updated Monday, Wednesday, and Friday by 5 p.m. MT
- Laboratory testing data will be updated Thursdays by 5 p.m. MT
- Data by vaccination status will be updated Mondays by 5 p.m. MT

Case Counts

Idaho case counts include both probable and confirmed cases, classified based on criteria contained in CSTE position statement 20-ID-02, effective August 3, 2020.

Confirmed A person is classified as a confirmed case if they tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 infection using a molecular amplification test.

Probable A person is classified as a probable case if 1) they tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 infection using an antigen test, 2) they have a clinicall..

Rates

Incidence rate: Rate of cases per 100,000 population
Mortality rate: Rate of deaths per 100,000 population
Population source: July 1, 2019 Annual State Resident Population Estimates; U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Released June 2020.

Notes to Case Characteristics

MIS-C: Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) is a condition where different body parts can become inflamed, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal organs. Cases of MIS-C either had SARS-CoV-2 infection determined through laboratory testing or have had a clinically compatible illness and exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case.

Calculation of estimated recovered: Any person who reports symptoms, did not die from COVID-19, and their illness began at least 30 days ago.

Fully vaccinated: Positive specimen collected at least 14 days after the second dose of a 2-dose vaccine or after one dose of a one-dose vaccine.
Not fully vaccinated: Any case identified that does not meet the definition of fully vaccinated; includes unvaccinated and partially vaccinated cases.

Notes to Cases by County

Moving Average Incidence Rate: Rate of cases per 100,000 population. Based on the average number of cases reported for the current 7-day period.

Cases with unknown county of residence: Cases with unknown County of residence are excluded from the table but included in the total case counts displayed on the statewide page.

Notes to Weekly Hotspots and Local Trends

[1]Report Date is a hierarchical date based on availability of data in the disease surveillance system: Report Date defaults to dates in the following order: (1) Date the public health district was notified, (2) Date State (Division of Public Health) was notified, (3) Date the record was created. Public health notification dates (#1 and #2) are manually entered by epidemiologists and date of record creation (#3) is a system-generated date.
[2]Cases with unknown county of residence are excluded from this map.

Notes to Emergency Department Visits

Number of facilities reporting: 35 (85.4% of facilities reporting - Representing 98.0% of estimated emergency departments annual visits)
Data source: BioSense Platform: Data on emergency department visits in Idaho contributed daily.
Coronavirus-like Illness query name: CLI CC with CLI DD and Coronavirus DD V2
Admits include all patients who were coded to "Admitted" in the disposition category from emergency department visits.
Note: This information is part of an active surveillance effort. Data are subject to change as information is made available. Admission and disposition data is not available from all facilities and the decision to report disposition. Two additional facilities were added to the reporting database on May 18th, 2020, and one facility was added May 13th, 2021. Information collected from additional facilities may impact estimates previoulsy reported.
The syndromic surveillance query for Covid-like Illness (CLI) was revised on August 30th, 2021. The revised query is a more comprehensive definition of syndromes and conditions that better capture emergency department visits relating to CLI and bring Idaho's data in line with current CDC data reporting (https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#ed-visits***).***

Notes to COVID-19 Related Deaths Among Idaho Residents

Data on this page include confirmed or probable COVID-19 cases that have been reported to the disease surveillance system and are reported to have died from COVID-19-related illness.

Idaho resident COVID-19 related deaths include deaths that occurred in Idaho and out of state. For persons who died in an Idaho nursing home, the person's residency may be reported as an out-of-state address on their death certificate. Death rates are presented as a crude death rate. Death rate calculation: the total number of deaths to residents in a specified geographic area (state, county, public health district) divided by the total population for the same geographic area and multiplied by 100,000.

Notes to Laboratory Testing for COVID-19

The total number of COVID-19 PCR test performed and number of Idahoans tested will be updated daily at coronavirus.idaho.gov at 5 p.m. All other information on this page will be updated on Thursday by 5 p.m.

As of 04/08/2021 variant data is retrieved from the disease surveillance system.

Results for samples collected during the most recent week may not be available at the time of publication. Laboratories are required by law to report positive results. Negative test results are reported voluntarily. To accurately calculate the percentage of positive test results, both numerator and denominator data are needed; test results from laboratories that do not report negative results (denominator data) are excluded from the calculation and from this graph.

Notes to Ventilator and ICU Bed Availability in Idaho

The number of available ICU beds and ventilators is reported daily by Idaho hospital systems to the Idaho Resource Tracking System. The number of available beds may include pediatric and neonatal beds and does not indicate whether staffing is available for each bed.

Notes to Hospitalization for COVID-19 in Idaho

Data updated by the Department of Health and Welfare Monday, Wednesday, and Friday by 5 p.m. MT.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), HHS Protects.

Note: On July 15, HHS Secretary Azar notified hospitals to stop reporting COVID-19 data to NHSN. Some facilities in Idaho began reporting directly to HHS via TeleTracking by 7/15.