

NEWS

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Widespread COVID-19 Testing at Idaho Department of Corrections' Kuna Site Detects Recent Positive Cases for Ada County

*Central District Health to separate associated case counts in
bi-weekly data updates*

Ada County, Idaho – Recent widespread COVID-19 testing of incarcerated residents and staff members with the Idaho Department of Correction's Idaho State Correctional Center (ISCC) in Kuna has increased the detection of positive cases for Ada County in recent weeks. Since the first case was confirmed in an incarcerated individual on June 24, 2020, IDOC has reported 592 cases; 297 of those lab reports have been received and logged by CDH at the time of this release. Additional cases will be logged upon receipt. On Monday, July 13, CDH began publishing IDOC-related cases among incarcerated individuals in a separate line from Kuna case counts among [weekly data](#), which is updated Mondays and Thursdays by 12 pm.

"Though we've seen widespread community transmission in Ada and neighboring Canyon County for some time now, we want residents to have a clearer picture of the source of some of these recent cases. Positive cases in both incarcerated individuals and facility staff contribute to an increased risk of transmission in our community which could translate to increased demands on our healthcare system," said Russ Duke, District Director for Central District Health.

Positive COVID-19 cases are reported by a person's county of residence; for individuals who are incarcerated, the county in which they are serving their sentence is considered their county of residence for illness reporting purposes.

As IDOC continues with mass testing among staff and residents, additional positive cases are likely. CDH will continue working closely with IDOC to quickly to identify all affected staff and

residents and ensure they are receiving proper information for any necessary quarantine or isolation.

Tracking Data

Among other data, case counts by city are updated on Mondays and Thursdays by noon on [CDH's Tableau data site](#). (See the Ada County (2) tab for case counts by city in Ada County). CDH's daily case counts are reported by county. Visit <https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/dac-coronavirus.php>.

IDOC provides regular testing and status reports, including case counts within its facilities, and information for the public on its website at <https://www.idoc.idaho.gov/content/careers/covid-19> (scroll down to grey boxes at bottom of the page) and on its Facebook page @IDOC.alert.

CDH's call center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm with Spanish speaking representatives available. Call 208-321-2222.

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