

NEWS

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Central District Board of Health to consider Public Health Order at special meeting Friday, December 4 at 5:15 pm

Districtwide draft order to be posted on CDH website later today

Central District Health, Idaho — At their meeting on Tuesday, December 1, the Central District Board of Health voted to hold a special meeting on Friday, December 4, 2020, at 5:15 pm to discuss elevating the current Public Health Advisory for Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties to a Public Health Order.

Rising case counts, increasing demands on local hospitals, and an anticipated increase in cases in the coming weeks resulting from Thanksgiving holiday gatherings, are behind the Board's decision to meet on Friday to discuss the next steps.

The current advisory, which the Board approved on November 17, 2020, includes strong recommendations for both individuals and business operations in all four of CDH's counties, to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and ease the strain on area hospitals.

Since June 24, 2020, a public health order has been in place for Ada County; on August 11, 2020, a mask order was put in place for Valley County. Both orders were enacted by the CDH Board of Health. A public health advisory is not enforceable, whereas a public health order is enforceable by law. A new, jurisdiction-wide public health order would replace the Ada and Valley orders approved by the Board earlier this year.

Special Board of Health Meeting Details:

- Friday, December 4, 2020, at 5:15 pm
- Meeting to be held virtually with live streaming via CDH's YouTube page
 - An on-site public viewing room is available with limited seating at CDH Headquarters: 707 N. Armstrong Place, Boise, ID 83704. Face coverings must be worn and must adhere to specific requirements outlined on the Board of Health Meetings webpage. Physical distancing of at least 6-feet must also be followed.

Draft order to be posted Wednesday, December 2 by 5:15 pm

CDH will post the draft order to the CDH Board of Health Meetings page today (Wednesday, Dec. 2) by 5:15 pm at <https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/about-boardofhealth-meetings.php>. A printed copy of the draft order will also be posted at CDH's headquarters, located at 707 N. Armstrong Place, Boise.

Written public comments regarding the draft order will be accepted up until 5:15 pm on Thursday, December 3, 2020. Comments can be emailed to boh@cdh.idaho.gov.

A meeting agenda is forthcoming and will be posted at least 48-hours in advance of Friday's special meeting at <https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/about-boardofhealth-meetings.php>.

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