

NEWS

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First India variant identified in Ada County resident who had COVID-19 in April

Ada County, Idaho — The B.1.617.2 strain has been confirmed in a clinical lab sample from an Ada County resident. This strain is a variant of interest first identified in India, and part of the group of variants known as the India variant.

The man, who is under the age of 30, was infected in April and was not hospitalized. He reported having recently traveled internationally. At this time, the India variants have not been detected in wastewater from Boise, Eagle, and Garden City, in the samples sent and tested at the University of Missouri.

Variants in Central District Health's Jurisdiction

There have been a total of 139 variants of concern identified in Ada, Boise, Elmore and Valley Counties. **The India variant will be added to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's (DHW) data dashboard today, Thursday, May 13 at 5 pm.* View the number of variants identified across the state of Idaho under the laboratory testing section on DHW's [COVID-19 Case, Laboratory, and Hospital Data Dashboard](#).

- Ada County | 135 variants of concern
 - (UK – B.1.1.7, California – B.1.427/B.1.249, NYC – B.1.526, and India – B.1.617.2)
- Boise County | one variant of concern (UK – B.1.1.7)
- Elmore County | two variants of concern (Brazil – P.1 and UK – B.1.1.7)
- Valley County | one variant of concern (UK – B.1.1.7)

Evidence of variants emphasize the need for continued safety measures. Health guidelines, when used together and consistently, continue to help protect our community from COVID-19 and new variants that are becoming more common. "Our epidemiology team continues to perform case investigations and monitor close contacts to identify illness clusters and sources of transmission," stated Lindsay Haskell, Central District Health Epidemiologist. "Following known safety and prevention measures, including getting vaccinated is the best way to keep yourself and the community healthy," added Haskell.

For more information about COVID-19, visit: <https://www.cdh.idaho.gov/covid> or call the CDH Call Center at 208-321-2222, Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm

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