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Southeastern Idaho Public Health Confirmed Five Deaths in Southeast Idaho Due to COVID-19

Southeastern Idaho Public Health (SIPH) has confirmed five deaths due to COVID-19. They are three residents of Bingham County a female in her 60's, a male in his 80's and a male in his 50's as well as a male in his 90's from Franklin County and a female in her 70's from Bannock County. This brings the total to 145 deaths due to COVID-19 in southeast Idaho. Out of respect to these individuals' families, no additional details will be released.

SIPH urges all residents to take precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19. This includes practicing social distancing at all times, wearing cloth face coverings in public places, practicing good hand hygiene, and isolating immediately if you show symptoms of COVID-19.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

SIPH has a call center to field questions from the community and is open Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can reach the hotline at (208) 234-5875.

For southeast Idaho specific information about the novel coronavirus, please visit https://siphidaho.org/coronavirus.php. For Idaho-specific information about the novel coronavirus, please visit https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/.

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