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SUMMARY

- Idaho is in the red zone for cases, indicating more than 100 new cases per 100,000 population last week, and the red zone for test positivity, indicating a rate above 10%.
- Idaho has seen stability in new cases and a decrease in testing positivity over the past week. Both the cases and the test positivity rate remained very high but improved slightly last week with a decline seen in Ada County, while cases increased in the Idaho Falls area.
- The following three counties had the highest number of new cases over the past 3 weeks: 1. Ada County, 2. Canyon County, and 3. Kootenai County. These counties represent 76.3 percent of new cases in Idaho.
- COVID-19-related hospitalizations have continued to rise and currently exceed the initial peak in April.
- While many counties throughout Idaho are affected, the highest case and test positivity rates continue to be in the Boise area and other counties of southwest Idaho, where hospitals are under the most strain.
- Idaho had 196 new cases per 100,000 population in the past week, compared to a national average of 140 per 100,000.
- The federal government has deployed the following staff as assets to support the state response: 11 to support operations activities from FEMA.
- During Jul 18 - Jul 24, on average, 18 patients with confirmed COVID-19 and 4 patients with suspected COVID-19 were reported as newly admitted each day to hospitals in Idaho. An average of 39 percent of hospitals reported each day during this period; therefore, this may be an underestimate of the actual total number of COVID-related hospitalizations. Underreporting may lead to a lower allocation of critical supplies.*

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Surge testing and contact tracing resources to neighborhoods and zip codes with highest case rates, especially in the Central and Southwest Health Districts.
- Support the recent mandates for mask wearing in highly affected counties and the Central Health District. Communicate support for their adoption in other counties and health districts with rapidly rising reported cases.
- Consider further restrictions of opening status under state reopening guidelines for businesses and gathering sizes in localities if cases and hospitalizations continue to rise rapidly.
- Move to community-led neighborhood testing and work with local community groups to increase access to testing.
- Specific, detailed guidance on community mitigation measures can be found on the CDC website.
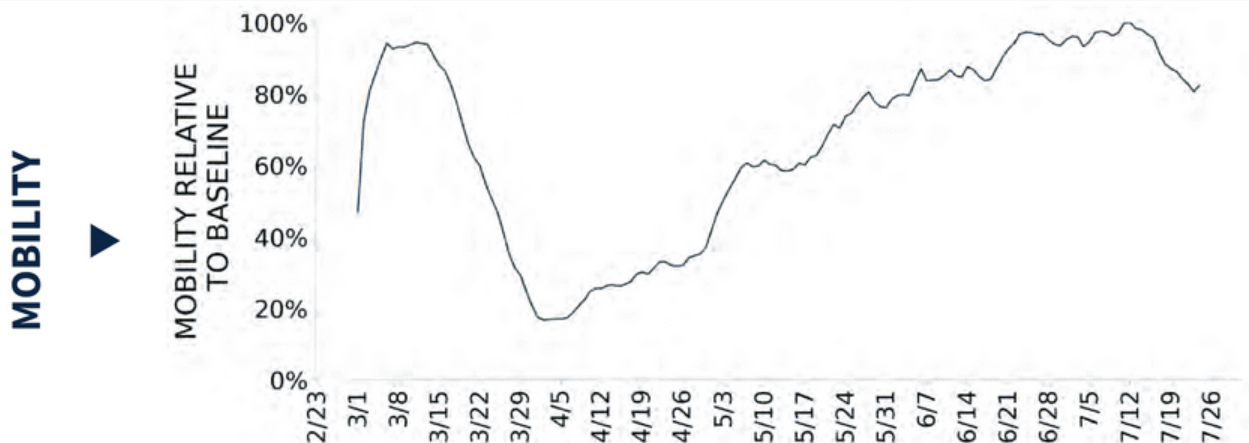
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	STATE, LAST WEEK	STATE, % CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	FEMA/HHS REGION, LAST WEEK	UNITED STATES, LAST WEEK
NEW CASES (RATE PER 100,000)	3,510 (196)	-8.2%	12,065 (84)	460,137 (140)
DIAGNOSTIC TEST POSITIVITY RATE	18.0%	-4.8%*	6.6%	8.5%
TOTAL DIAGNOSTIC TESTS (TESTS PER 100,000)	28,721** (1,607)	-5.0%**	221,815** (1,546)	5,437,404** (1,657)
COVID DEATHS (RATE PER 100,000)	30 (2)	+130.8%	113 (1)	6,434 (2)
SNFs WITH AT LEAST ONE COVID-19 CASE	9.1%	+3.0%*	4.4%	12.1%

MOBILITY ▶

MOBILITY RELATIVE TO BASELINE

(line chart showing mobility relative to baseline from 2/23 to 7/26, ranging 0% to 100%)

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* Indicates absolute change in percentage points.

** Due to delayed reporting, this figure may underestimate total diagnostic tests and week-on-week changes in diagnostic tests.

DATA SOURCES

Cases and Deaths: State values are calculated by aggregating county-level data from USAFacts; therefore, the values may not match those reported directly by the state. Data is through 7/24/2020; last week is 7/18 - 7/24, previous week is 7/11 - 7/17.

Testing: State-level values calculated by using 7-day rolling averages of reported tests. Regional- and national-level values calculated by using a combination of CELR (COVID-19 Electronic Lab Reporting) state health department-reported data and HHS Protect laboratory data (provided directly to Federal Government from public health labs, hospital labs, and commercial labs) through 7/22/2020. Last week is 7/16 - 7/22, previous week is 7/9 - 7/15. Testing data are inclusive of everything received and processed by the CELR system as of 19:00 EDT on 07/25/2020. Some dates may be incomplete due to delays in reporting. Testing data may be backfilled over time, resulting in changes week-to-week in testing data. It is critical that states provide as up-to-date testing data as possible.

Mobility: Descartes Labs. This data depicts the median distance moved across a collection of mobile devices to estimate the level of human mobility within a county; 100% represents the baseline mobility level. Data is anonymized and provided at the county level. Data through 7/24/2020.

SNFs: Skilled nursing facilities. National Healthcare Safety Network. Last week is 7/13-7/19, previous week is 7/6-7/12.

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COVID-19 COUNTY AND METRO ALERTS

LOCALITIES IN RED ZONE

LOCALITIES IN YELLOW ZONE

	RED ZONE		YELLOW ZONE	
METRO AREA (CBSA) LAST WEEK	**5**	Boise City Coeur d'Alene Idaho Falls Burley Ontario	**8**	Twin Falls Pocatello Rexburg Blackfoot Mountain Home Moscow Jackson Logan
COUNTY LAST WEEK	**14** Top 12 shown (full list below)	Ada Canyon Kootenai Bonneville Minidoka Payette Cassia Owyhee Gem Jefferson Washington Shoshone	**17** Top 12 shown (full list below)	Twin Falls Bannock Jerome Bingham Elmore Gooding Latah Teton Valley Benewah Clearwater Franklin

All Red CBSAs: Boise City, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Burley, Ontario
All Yellow Counties: Twin Falls, Bannock, Jerome, Bingham, Elmore, Gooding, Latah, Teton, Valley, Benewah, Franklin, Clearwater, Lincoln, Power, Lemhi, Bear Lake, Adams

Red Zone: Those core-based statistical areas (CBSAs) and counties that during the last week reported both new cases above 100 per 100,000 population, and a diagnostic test positivity result above 10%.
Yellow Zone: Those core-based statistical areas (CBSAs) and counties that during the last week reported both new cases between 10-100 per 100,000 population, and a diagnostic test positivity result between 5-10%, or one of those two conditions and one condition qualifying as being in the "Red Zone."
Note: Top 12 locations are selected based on the highest number of new cases in the last three weeks.
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POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNTIES IN THE RED ZONE

Public Messaging
- Wear a mask at all times outside the home and maintain physical distance
- Limit social gatherings to 10 people or fewer
- Do not go to bars, nightclubs, or gyms
- Use take out or eat outdoors socially distanced
- Protect anyone with serious medical conditions at home by social distancing at home and using high levels of personal hygiene, including handwashing and cleaning surfaces
- Reduce your public interactions and activities to 25% of your normal activity

Public Officials
- Close bars and gyms, and create outdoor dining opportunities with pedestrian areas
- Limit social gatherings to 10 people or fewer
- Institute routine weekly testing of all workers in assisted living and long-term care facilities. Require masks for all staff and prohibit visitors
- Ensure that all business retailers and personal services require masks and can safely social distance
- Increase messaging on the risk of serious disease for individuals in all age groups with preexisting obesity, hypertension, and diabetes mellitus, and recommend to shelter in place
- Work with local community groups to provide targeted, tailored messaging to communities with high case rates, and increase community level testing
- Recruit more contact tracers as community outreach workers to ensure all cases are contacted and all positive households are individually tested within 24 hours
- Provide isolation facilities outside of households if COVID-positive individuals can't quarantine successfully

Testing
- Move to community-led neighborhood testing and work with local community groups to increase access to testing
- Surge testing and contact tracing resources to neighborhoods and zip codes with highest case rates
- **Diagnostic pooling**: Laboratories should use pooling of samples to increase testing access and reduce turnaround times to under 12 hours. Consider pools of 2-3 individuals in high incidence settings and 5:1 pools in setting where test positivity is under 10%
- **Surveillance pooling**: For family and cohabitating households, screen entire households in a single test by pooling specimens of all members into single collection device

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNTIES IN THE YELLOW ZONE IN ORDER TO PREEMPT EXPONENTIAL COMMUNITY SPREAD

Public Messaging
- Wear a mask at all times outside the home and maintain physical distance
- Limit social gatherings to 25 people or fewer
- Do not go to bars or nightclubs
- Use take out, outdoor dining or indoor dining when strict social distancing can be maintained
- Protect anyone with serious medical conditions at home by social distancing at home and using high levels of personal hygiene
- Reduce your public interactions and activities to 50% of your normal activity

Public Officials
- Limit gyms to 25% occupancy and close bars until percent positive rates are under 3%; create outdoor dining opportunities with pedestrian areas
- Limit social gatherings to 25 people or fewer
- Institute routine weekly testing of all workers in assisted living and long-term care facilities. Require masks for all staff and prohibit visitors
- Ensure that all business retailers and personal services require masks and can safely social distance
- Increase messaging on the risk of serious disease for individuals in all age groups with preexisting obesity, hypertension, and diabetes mellitus, and recommend to shelter in place
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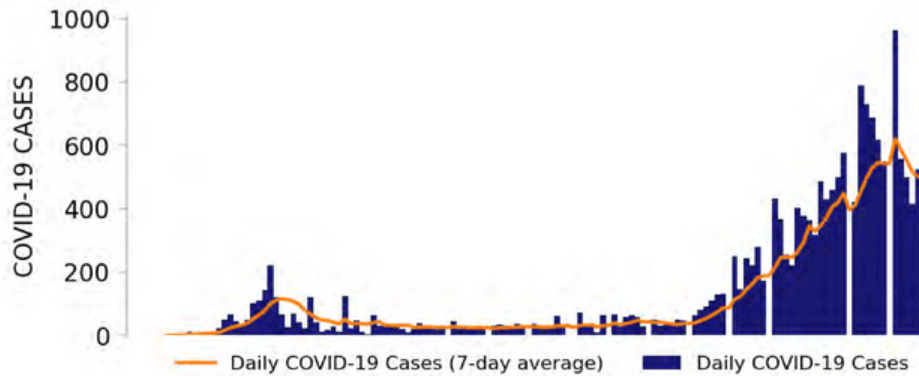
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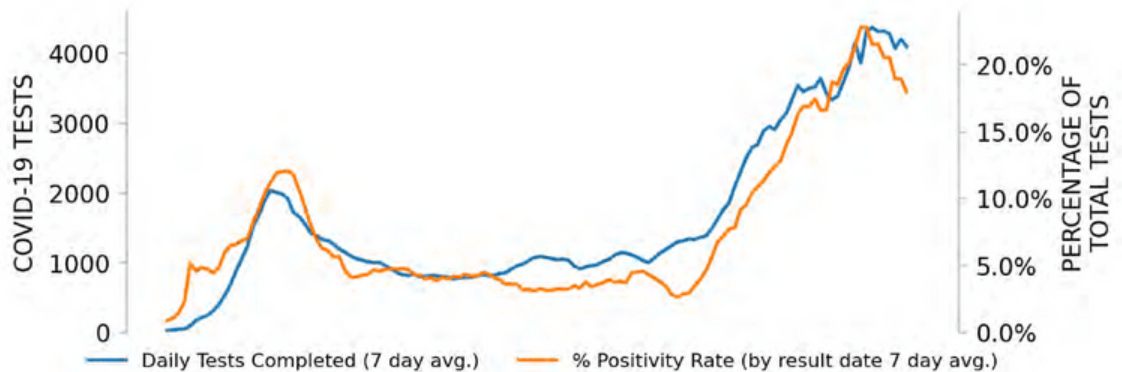
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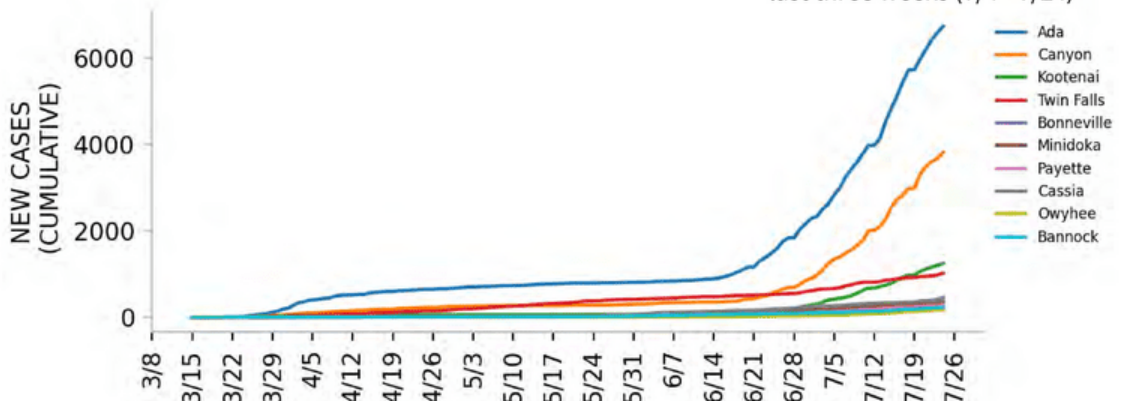## STATE REPORT | 07.26.2020

NEW CASES ▶

— Daily COVID-19 Cases (7-day average)   ▮ Daily COVID-19 Cases

TESTING ▶

— Daily Tests Completed (7 day avg.)   — % Positivity Rate (by result date 7 day avg.)

TOP COUNTIES ▶

Top counties based on greatest number of new cases in last three weeks (7/4 - 7/24)

— Ada
— Canyon
— Kootenai
— Twin Falls
— Bonneville
— Minidoka
— Payette
— Cassia
— Owyhee
— Bannock

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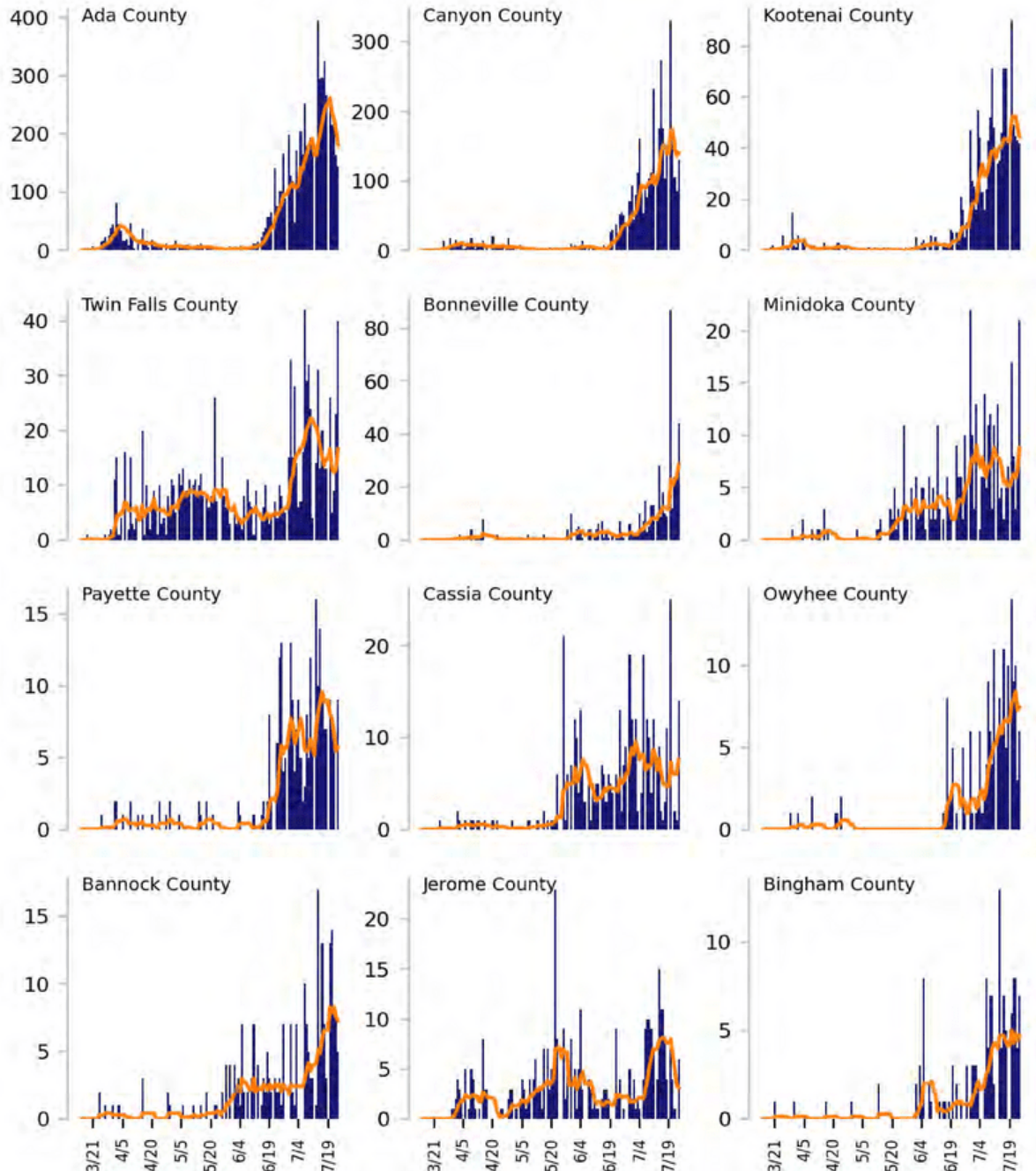**Testing:** CELR (COVID-19 Electronic Lab Reporting) state health department-reported data through 7/22/2020.

Top 12 counties based on number of new cases in the last 3 weeks

TOTAL DAILY CASES

Legend: Daily COVID-19 Cases (7-day average) — Daily COVID-19 Cases

Counties: Ada County, Canyon County, Kootenai County, Twin Falls County, Bonneville County, Minidoka County, Payette County, Cassia County, Owyhee County, Bannock County, Jerome County, Bingham County
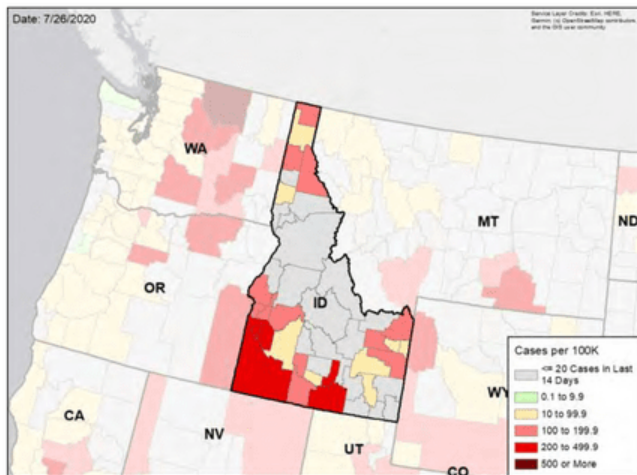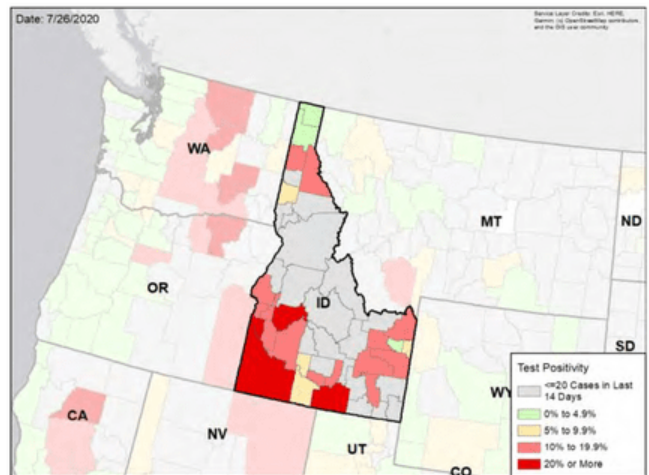
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CASE RATES AND DIAGNOSTIC TEST POSITIVITY DURING THE LAST WEEK
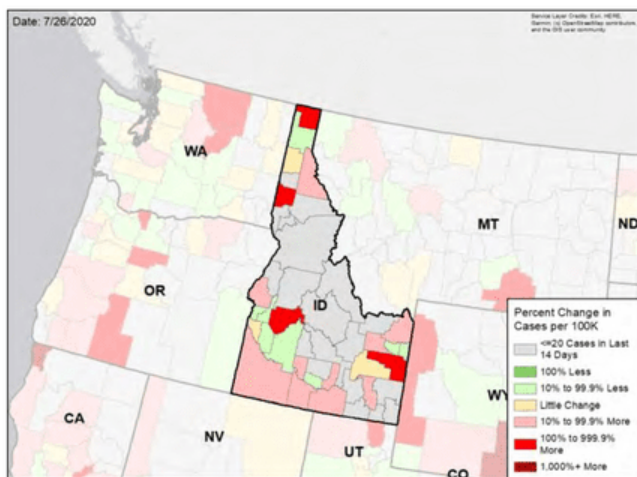
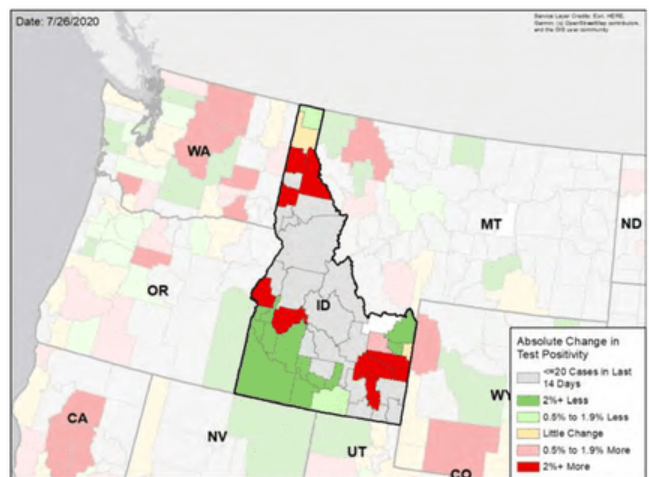### NEW CASES PER 100,000 DURING LAST WEEK

TEST POSITIVITY DURING LAST WEEK

WEEKLY % CHANGE IN NEW CASES PER 100K

WEEKLY CHANGE IN TEST POSITIVITY

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