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Evening Briefing Report

Kootenai County, Idaho: Following the evening briefing of the Kootenai County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Unified Command, today's report shows no new cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the Panhandle Health District. This means our current total is 44, with 42 in Kootenai County and two in Bonner County.

Details on any new cases are posted and updated in real time on www.panhandlehealthdistrict.org/covid-19/.

If you begin to show symptoms associated with COVID-19 (cough, fever, and difficulty breathing), ensure you quarantine. If you are tested for COVID-19, ensure that you self-isolate until you receive your test results. The importance of self-isolating cannot be stressed enough. However, when the symptoms subside you need to continue to self-isolate for an additional 72 hours before removing yourself from isolation.

Unfortunately, there is a lot of misinformation out there on social media. So for the most accurate and up-to-date information on COVID-19 please continue to follow the Kootenai County Office of Emergency Management's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/kootenaioem/.

In Kootenai County today, we have 42 people who have tested positive for the Covid-19 virus. It amazes us that we have been able to keep our numbers of positive cases so low when we look at the high numbers in other parts of the State. In Blaine County, the Sun Valley area, they are seeing more than 1.9% of their population testing positive. If we showed the same rate of infection as Blaine County, we would have more than 3,100 positive cases. Likewise, if our rate matched Ada County's we would have 145 active cases. Our low numbers are proof that obeying the Stay at Home order, social distancing and isolation is working in Kootenai County to keep our numbers of positive cases low and a number that is manageable by our health care professionals. To all of you, keep up the good work and we can beat this disease.

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