



## COVID Update: October 26-November 1

# Districtwide numbers steady and officials note a downward trend, but upcoming holidays and flu season could compromise lower case count

The Emmett School District reports 3 confirmed cases for the past week.

Southwest District Health officials said Monday that they continue to see a downward trend, but warn that holidays, colder weather and the common flu season could disrupt that trend.

**NEW:** SWDH will hold a weekly testing clinic on Tuesdays at its Clinic: 1008 E. Locust St., Emmett, between 9 am and 3 pm. Please call 208-296-1030 to make an appointment.

The Emmett School District is exploring a booster vaccine clinic with Valor Health for staff in November.

Valor Health would be able to provide all three vaccine options and provide employees who did not get their first shot could do so at this clinic.

Stay tuned for more information.

**As a reminder:** The Emmett School District Board of Trustees changed some of the COVID-19 related protocols with a goal to keep healthy students in the classroom.

The change means students will not be quarantined if they are exposed to someone in the schools with a positive case of COVID. Instead, parents will be notified if someone in their classroom has COVID, and it will be up to their parents to monitor their children closely and keep them home if they are showing any **COVID-related symptoms**, especially a fever of 100.4 or above.

Emmett School District COVID Report 2021-2022			
10/26/21 through 11/1/21	Quarantined Students & Staff	Probable Students & Staff	Confirmed Students & Staff
Emmett High School	0	0	2
Black Canyon Junior-Senior High School	2	0	0
Emmett Middle School	1	0	0
Butte View Elementary	0	0	0
Carberry Elementary	3	0	0
Shadow Butte Elementary	1	0	1
Ola Elementary	0	0	0
Sweet-Montour Elementary	0	0	0
District staff	0	0	0
Bus staff	0	0	0
	0	0	0
<b>10/26/21 through 11/1/21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

Emmett School District Cumulative COVID Report 2021-2022 SY			
	Quarantined Students & Staff	Probable Students & Staff	Confirmed Students & Staff
08/23/21 through 08/30/21	86	0	16
08/31/21 through 09/06/21	92	2	35
09/07/21 through 09/13/21	75	2	30
09/14/21 through 09/20/21	13	1	13
09/21/21 through 09/27/21	13	0	8
09/28/21 through 10/04/21	12	1	3
10/05/21 through 10/11/21	9	1	3
10/12/21 through 10/18/21	7	1	16
10/19/21 through 10/25/21	2	0	7
10/26/21 through 11/1/21	6	0	3
<b>Cumulative Cases</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>134</b>



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

This new protocol eliminates those school quarantines, and testing to return, as long as parents closely monitor for symptoms and keep their children home if they are ill or have a fever above 100.4 without fever reducing medications.

### [See the full text of the recommended changes.](#)

<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/Meetings/Attachment.aspx?S=36030867&AID=20729&MID=802>

### **Gem County information provided by Southwest District Health:**

- **SWDH has Gem County in the High Community Transmission Category.**
- **Gem County (total population) Current Rate:** 6.63% (was 10.80) per 10,000 residents
- **Incidence rate by school district:** 5.24% - means all residents in the Emmett School District:
- **Current positivity rate:** 10.80% (was 13.64%)
- **Current Positive cases over the last two weeks:** 168 cases. Last week was 160.
- Age breakdown for students who tested positive the week of 10/10 - 10/16
  - **Ages 5-9: 8.71%** (was 8.71%)
  - **Ages 10-14: 9.72** (was 2.92)
  - **Ages 15-19: 13.54** (was 6.77)

**Delta variant** is the predominant strain of COVID in Gem County

- **Deaths since March 2020 in Gem County:** 60
- **Case Breakdown for Gem County:** 2,062 confirmed, 734 probables for a total of 2,796 and 2,458 recovered.
- **COVID Immunization Rate for Gem County:** 47.49%
  - **Children aged 12-15:** 18.1%
  - **Children aged 12-18:** 19.6%
  - **All of Gem County at least one dose:** 47.23

Visit [Southwest District Health Department](#) for more information

<https://phd3.idaho.gov/covid19/#1594683890043-dd9a7ad1-a2c3>

### **Valor Health Reported the following on 11/1/2021**

- **Rolling 30 day positivity rate** - 16.44% (was 16.44%)
- Covid testing is available for symptomatic patients by appointment or walk in. Call 208-365-6004 to schedule.
- Vaccines are available by appointment. Schedule by calling 208-365-6004.

### **Definitions**

- **Q - Quarantined:** People who have been exposed to a confirmed COVID case.
- **C - Confirmed:** People who have been tested positive for COVID.
- **P - Probables:** People who had direct contact with someone who tested positive AND has COVID symptoms.

**Emmett High:** 2C

**Black Canyon:** 2Q

**Emmett Middle School:** 1Q

**Butte View:** 0

**Carberry:** 3Q

**Shadow Butte:** 1Q + 1C

### **Related links**

#### [Emmett School District's Weekly and Cumulative Covid Statistics](#)

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PzCjZvHix529Z6DxeGESyhyhA\\_2ZWFSVVq13gok4nbg/edit#gid=1884340099](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PzCjZvHix529Z6DxeGESyhyhA_2ZWFSVVq13gok4nbg/edit#gid=1884340099)

### **If I test positive, how can I isolate myself from my child?**

People who test positive [can take steps to isolate themselves from the rest of the family](#), including students.

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<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>

**[Where can I test or have my child tested?](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hkA-2Y0yLfxu3QVrCAaGiyra2JFWdbZW/edit?usp=sharing&oid=114900957791655903248&rtpof=true&sd=true)**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hkA-2Y0yLfxu3QVrCAaGiyra2JFWdbZW/edit?usp=sharing&oid=114900957791655903248&rtpof=true&sd=true>

**[Emmett School District COVID Web Page](https://www.emmettschools.org/domain/982)**

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**[Incidence Rate by School District](https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/southwest.district.health/viz/SWDHSchoolDistrictCOVID19IncidenceRateMap/SchoolDistrictMap)**

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While Idaho projection models suggest a peak in early October but as we are all aware COVID-19 will be an ongoing health concern. The CDC recommends vaccinations for people 16 and older and wearing masks. The Emmett School District does not require masks.

**[Projected infections for Idaho](https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america/idaho?view=infections-testing&tab=trend&test=infections)**

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