

Proposed New Covid-19 Metrics

The nation is moving from a disease prevention strategy (pandemic) to a risk management strategy (endemic). Experts say that mitigation decisions should be based on *health care capacities* (bed availability, staffing) and *local transmissibility data* (number of cases, increasing or decreasing, test positivity). Mitigation strategies may include limiting number of people allowed in a group, no eating or drinking, physical distancing, masking, and vaccine requirements. Below are recommendations for institutional mitigation decisions. These are contingent and are likely to get modified with use. Individuals may always opt for more mitigation. Decisions are made based on three sources of data:

1. Health Care Capacity

Crisis standards of care YES NO

2. Community Transmissibility

<https://cdhd.idaho.gov/dac-coronavirus.php>

	LOW	MODERATE	SUBSTANTIAL	HIGH
Cases/100,000 averaged 7 days	< 10	10 - 50	50 - 99	> 100
Test + rate	< 5%	5 - 7.9%	8 – 9.9%	> 10%

Derived from CDC website data on new cases/100,000 averaged over previous 7 days and test (+) rate

3. Number of cases Rising Stable or Falling

With these data, you apply this rubric to get recommend management of mitigation.

Transmissibility NOT in crisis standards of care

	LOW	MODERATE	SUBSTANTIAL	HIGH
7-day case rate stable or dropping	Consider Reducing	Consider Reduce	Maintain	Maintain
7-day case rate rising				Consider Increasing

Transmissibility IN crisis standards of care

	LOW	MODERATE	SUBSTANTIAL	HIGH
7-day case rate stable or dropping	Maintain	Maintain	Consider Increasing	Consider Increasing

7-day case rate rising		Consider Increasing	Consider Increasing	Probable Increase
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