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## **Local COVID-19 Transmission Index**

*Tri-County Area Transmission Level March 18-24*

**Vernal, UT March 18, 2021** – TriCounty Health Department announces that as of *March 18, 2021* Uintah County is in *high* transmission level, Duchesne County moved into *low* transmission level and Daggett stays in *low* transmission level.

A transmission level (high, moderate, low) is determined if a county has two of the three metrics in the designated level of transmission. These levels are calculated weekly, on Thursday, by the Utah Department of Health (UDOH).

Transmission rate is determined by statewide ICU utilization, a 14-day case rate per 100,000 population and a 7-day average percent positivity for COVID-19 testing.

Uintah County's 7-day average percent positivity was *12 percent* and the 14-day case rate per 100,000 population was *454/100,000*, which equates to 161 cases in the past 14 days.

Duchesne County's 7-day average percent positivity was *2 percent* and the 14-day case rate per 100,000 population was *80/100,000*, which equates to 16 cases in the past 14 days.

Daggett County's 7-day average percent positivity was *0 percent* and the 14-day case rate per 100,000 population was *0/100,000*, which equates to 0 cases in the past 14 days.

Statewide total ICU utilization 70 percent. Seven-day COVID-19 utilization is 12 percent.

Over the past 7 days the tri-county area has seen four COVID-19 related hospitalizations and zero COVID-19 related deaths. For the purpose of these rates, the Ute Indian Tribe contributes to the county numbers and rates in which the individual resides.

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