MELANOMA in IDAHO

2,768 cases of malignant melanoma of the skin were diagnosed during 2016-2020

289 deaths from malignant melanoma of the skin from 2017-2021

Over 4,000 Idahoans alive on July 1, 2020 had a melanoma diagnosis within the prior 10 years

Call to Action

- Avoid indoor tanning beds.
- Wear sun-protective clothing: Sunglasses with UV protection, wide-brimmed hats, long-sleeved shirts, and long pants.
- Apply broad-spectrum sunscreen of 30 SPF or higher.
- Talk to your healthcare provider if you notice changes in your skin, like moles that are odd-shaped, discolored, or increasing in size.

Health Behavior

Only 15.4% of Idaho students (9th-12th grade) always wear sunscreen (SPF of 30 or higher) or wear sunscreen most of the time when they are outside for more than one hour.

5.1% of Idaho students (9th-12th grade) used an indoor tanning device (like a sunlamp, sunbed, or tanning booth) 1 or more times in the previous 12 months.

Idaho ranks 1st among U.S. states for deaths due to melanoma.

Since 2000, rates of malignant melanoma have increased about 1.9% per year in Idaho.

Mortality rates due to malignant melanoma have been decreasing by approximately 3% per year in the past decade.

Male Idahoans are over 2 times more likely to die of melanoma than female Idahoans.

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