

March 18, 2020

COVID-19 Daily Briefing Report

City of Post Falls Updates:

- The City Council adopted a Resolution ratifying the local emergency disaster declaration in response to COVID-19. This is not to incite any kind of panic but is simply the method used in the State of Idaho for Cities to continue operate fluidly during times of emergency and to also reduce liability and receive federal funds. The Mayor & Council would have loved to have been able to use different terminology for this Resolution.
- Gas Masks have been provided to Community Development Inspectors by the Police Department to assist with inspection safety. The masks will be used by the same employee and not shared and will be cleaned appropriately. The medical masks being recommended are difficult to get at this time.
- Summary of Actions to be taken will be posted to the City's webpage today and also to the City's intranet home page. I have attached the list of both to today's email.
- City of Post Falls COVID-19 Webpage Link:
 - <https://www.postfallsidaho.org/how-your-city-is-preparing/>
- City of Post Falls Facebook Page Link:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/cityofpostfalls/>
- City of Post Falls Police Department Facebook Page Link:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/postfallspolice/>

Idaho State/Governor Little Updates:

- Governor Little held a Press Conference this morning at 9am. Did not mandate the closing of any businesses but is asking citizens and businesses to observe the 10 people and 6-foot distancing rules. Has asked the Legislature to wrap up today. The video is available on Governor Little's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/governorbradlittle> . The State is looking at following the Federal Government on delayed tax payments. Nothing official at this point.
- See Attached email Media Release.
- Governor says he is not mandating closures of businesses like restaurants. He does not believe a single solution fits the various cities in the State of Idaho.
- State Webpage: <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>

Kootenai County/Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Updates:

- I did not receive any updates today.

Regional Updates:

- Hayden and CDA also adopted a local emergency disaster declaration. Rathdrum is slated to adopt on Thursday. Numerous cities across the State of Idaho have adopted similar declarations.
- City of Spokane is delaying “nonurgent building inspections” until a later date. Some inspection can be done virtually. All customers are encouraged to do business electronically or by phone.
- Spokane County is moving its treasurer’s, auditor’s and assessor’s office to a virtual format starting Thursday, March 19th. These offices typically see up to 500 people per day.

National Updates:

- Trump administration has stated that individuals and businesses will be allowed to delay paying their 2019 tax bills for 90 days past the usual April 15th deadline. You do have to file on time.
- 15 Days to Slow the Spread https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf
- Trump requests checks for Americans according to Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. <https://www.wusa9.com/article/news/health/coronavirus/mnuchin-trump-wants-checks-sent-to-public-in-virus-response/507-1f0eacb9-43ea-4de2-a8b3-2a5c12ba6e2c>
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External Links for Updates:

Center for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

Panhandle Health District: <http://panhandlehealthdistrict.org/>