

March 19, 2020

COVID-19 Daily Briefing Report

City of Post Falls Updates:

- Kit is continuing to work with department to place messages on Facebook and the webpage regarding remote access to City services.
- Legal is continuing to work on Open Meeting regulations with the Attorney General's Office.
- The Urban Renewal Agency met this morning and they have cancelled their April workshop and are looking at virtual meeting options for future meetings if commission members are not able to attend or if regulations are such that they are not able to meet in person. Their Legal is reviewing their options.
- Department Heads are meeting at 2pm to discuss the Federal Aid Package H.R. 6201 and its effects on leave for employees affected by COVID-19. New policies and protocols will be drafted to comply with CDC and PHD guidelines and H.R. 6201 regulations. Once complete, these policies and protocols will be shared on the SharePoint Homepage and sent out with the daily briefing.
- 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:

- I have attached a couple of Media Releases from the Governor's office.
- State Webpage: <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>

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

- Please see Thank You letter attached. Thanks to everyone who has been working with OEM and assisting with implementing COVID guidelines.

Regional Updates:

- There are a number of cities still declaring emergency disaster declarations at this point.

National Updates:

- The Senate passed H.R. 6201 – The Families First Coronavirus Response Act yesterday. This mandates employer to sick leave requirements for employees for 12 weeks (first two weeks may be unpaid). Under this current bill, the City is held to providing the leave but is not eligible for the payroll tax credits to help with funding the leave. The National League of Cities and other organizations are seeking to remedy this difference in the second stimulus bill Congress is drafting.

External Links for Updates:

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

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