

March 20, 2020

COVID-19 Daily Briefing Report

City of Post Falls Updates:

- Department Heads met yesterday to start updating Personnel Policies to reflect the Federal Aid Package H.R. 6201. An update will be ready soon including flowcharts so that employees know whether or not their case falls under the expansion of FMLA or regular FMLA guidelines.
- 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 Media Release from the Governor's office on Blaine County where they have 16 confirmed cases and they are moving to a "Shelter in Place Isolation Order". The Health District is waiting on a copy of this order for details. This order goes into effect at midnight tonight.
- I have attached the Governor's Proclamation from March 13th.
- Governor's Proclamation Provides Guidance on Open Meeting Issues During Declared Emergency – Legal is continuing to work on this and coordinating with IT on potential virtual meeting options for public hearings, public meetings and internal meetings.
- Health Districts across the state are starting to see supply shortages and a great concern for medical gowns and masks.
- There has also been posts and rumors about the National Guard being put on notice to deploy. At this time soldiers and airman are continuing with their normal training but medical professionals from the National Guard are being called in to help local Health Districts with COVID-19.
- State Webpage: <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>

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

- Kootenai county OEM Media Release attached – Local Official Recommend Following CDC Guidelines.
- OEM sent out a media release requesting supplies for first responders. Items needed are Hand Sanitizer, Paper Towels, Sanitizing Wipes and Disinfectant Spray. Please call 208-446-2292 or email eoclog@gmail.com if you have the ability to assist.
<https://www.facebook.com/kootenaicountyidaho/photos/a.278826215956015/819129751925656/?type=3&theater>

Regional Updates:

- Avista Additional Measures - <https://investor.avistacorp.com/news-releases/news-release-details/avista-enhances-operational-and-community-response-amid>
- Drive Through Screenings Open today is Spokane - <https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2020/mar/18/drive-thru-coronavirus-screening-to-open-friday-in/>
- Remember that many health care facilities have put in visitor regulations. Please check with any facility for their regulations. Also, no COVID-19 testing is being done without a doctor's note. Many doctors are not seeing patients without appointments so, again, please call before heading to your doctor's office. Many places like Heritage Health have unveiled telehealth, so an in-person visit is a possibility for some illnesses and injuries.

National Updates:

- U.S. CDC has set up a "Coronavirus Self-Checker" on-line.
- I have included a workplace, school and home guidance document from the CDC.
- To slow COVID-19, Trump administration closes southern border to nonessential travel - <https://www.texastribune.org/2020/03/20/covid-19-leads-trump-announce-partial-closure-southern-border/>
- Trump expected to announce new travel restriction between US and Mexico, and Canada <https://foxwilmington.com/headlines/trump-expected-to-announce-new-travel-restrictions-between-us-and-mexico-canada/>

External Links for Updates:

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

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