

April 20, 2020

COVID-19 Daily Briefing Report

City of Post Falls Updates:

- There was a reported Garage/Yard Sale this weekend in Post Falls. The PD did go by and did not witness any regulations being broken. The sale was advertised on social media as a social distancing yard sale.
- The Bunker Bar was closed down from serving people at outside picnic tables on Friday. There was some confusion and Sergeant Eismann reported to the place of business and explained that they are able to sell sealed to go drinks, but they are not able to allow customers to sit at the picnic tables and drink. Chief Knight is following up with the business owner today.
- There has been a lot of activity at City Parks and a number of Idaho residents monitoring whether or not Washington residents (or other out of state visitors) are using the parks. The PD and Parks Department are continuing to work with everyone on education. There are also a number of comments about Washington, Oregon and California plates at grocery stores. The Governor's order does not prohibit shopping at grocery stores. Also, if an out of state visitor is in Idaho, and is either here for essential travel or has been in state for 14 days, they are allowed to use the parks. I have attached Non-Resident Traveler's advisory document the City will be using to place on non-resident plated vehicles.
- The Finance Department has sent out 732 utility past due notices. This is 120 more than last month (last month was about average for the year). Department Heads will discuss how long the credit card fee will be waived and when hang tags and shut offs will start back up for the city.
- 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 Opinion Press Release – President’s plan to responsibly reopen the economy in phases is underway in Idaho. See attached.
- Governor Little will host a press conference regarding economic recovery in Idaho at 11am Boise time on 4/23/20. The conference will be streamed to the public through Idaho Public Television and online.
- The Idaho Department of Commerce and Senator Jim Risch are partnering in an initiative for “Support Local Gems”. The event is April 24th. Please see the attached.
- State Webpage: <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>
- Governor Brad Little Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/governorbradlittle/>
- Idaho OEM Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/IdahoOEM/>

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

- Total cases of COVID-19 in the Panhandle Health District area is 56, 52 KC and 4 BC. Press Release is attached.
- I have attached the flyer that the Sheriff Department is using when enforcing the out of state 14-day quarantine. Sheriff Wolfinger reported that they spent the weekend trying to enforce this order on “thousands” of visitors in Kootenai County.
- The Field Hospital that was delivered to Kootenai has been redeployed elsewhere, where there is more need for this type of facility. The Hospital had not been set up yet, due to lack of need at this time.
- Health Districts are working on guidance for businesses that are looking to re-open, especially with the anticipated relaxing of orders from Governor Little starting on May 1st. This includes discussion on Restaurants.
- Idaho Department of Health & Welfare new toll-free number for questions about COVID and the stay-at-home order is (888) 330-3010.
- Facebook Page Link: <https://www.facebook.com/kootenaiOEM/>

Regional Updates:

- Washington is not looking at opening up anything until after May 15th at this point.

National Updates:

- USDA announces intent to purchase up to \$3 Billion in Agricultural Commodities. They will distribute products to those in need (through non-profits, food banks, etc.). Information Webinar Tuesday 4/21. Register here: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_hDiBdM_aSYmWps0RiO-UAg
- Save Small Business Fund went live with application grants today and will provide \$5,000 in short-term relief to employers across the U.S. <https://savesmallbusiness.com/>
- As Part of U.S. COVID-19 Reopening Steps, Midwest Governors Form Coalition. <http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20200417-as-part-of-u-s-covid19-reopening-steps-midwest-governors-form-coalition>

- The CDC has issued updates to Resources for Large Community Events and Mass Gatherings. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/index.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fcommunity%2F15-day-pause.html

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External Links for Updates:

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

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

Facebook Page Link: <https://www.facebook.com/kootenaiOEM/>