

April 3, 2020

COVID-19 Daily Briefing Report

City of Post Falls Updates:

- Parks, Recreation, Urban Forestry and Cemetery Service changes are listed at the bottom of the second page.
- The City is eligible for FEMA funds through the State of Idaho for some expenses related to COVID-19. Shannon Howard will be coordinating the reimbursement of funds with departments and the Finance Department has set up a COVID-19 project code for tracking purposes. The City will track all COVID-19 related expenses and report back to Council on all related expenditures. Not all expenditures will be eligible for funding but will be tracked for accounting and informational/management purposes. The reports will include any reimbursements received through grants or other funding sources related to COVID-19.
- The City's IT and Media Department are continuing to work with staff to provide streaming options for meetings, both at the staff level and at the Council and Commission level. Everyone's patience is appreciated as we embark into this new territory. Training and procedure manuals are being developed as we determine the best practices for these products.
- 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:

- As of 4/2/2020 at 5pm there are 891 confirmed cases, with 222 new case on 4/2, and a total of 9 deaths. There are 56 hospitalizations and 7,945 people have been tested. Currently, you need to be referred by your health district to receive testing.
- 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:

- 37 cases and no deaths as of 4/2/2020.

- 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:

- Governor Inslee extends stay-at-home order through May 4, 2020.
<https://mynorthwest.com/1799486/gov-inslee-extends-stay-at-home-order-may/>
- Panhandle Health District COVID-19 webpage: http://panhandlehealthdistrict.org/covid-19/?fbclid=IwAR0wZAgW_8Ts6Ne_J-vQop_bPdyFs-fTnciqVBKrrtBrWvgjORW5E7X7OO8

National Updates:

- Facebook Small Business Grants Program:
<https://www.facebook.com/business/boost/grants?ref=alias>
- Google Small Business support: <https://www.blog.google/inside-google/company-announcements/commitment-support-small-businesses-and-crisis-response-covid-19/>
- National Restaurant Employee Relief Fund (One time grant of \$500 for qualifying person): <https://rerf.us/>
- Americans urged to wear masks outside as coronavirus pandemic worsens.
<https://www.emergencyemail.org/newsemergency/anmviewer.asp?a=21407&z=58>
- The Federal Government is looking at pushing off infrastructure priorities in the interest of another stimulus package labeled “Cares 2” package.

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/>

City of Post Falls Department Services and Safety Measures That Have Been Implemented

Parks, Recreation, Urban Forestry & Cemetery Departments

- Face to face interactions are limited whenever possible.
- Parks employees are rotating schedules to reduce employee overlap and vehicles have been designated to individual employees to avoid shared use.

- Closed Facilities: Tree House, Trailhead Shelter, Millennium Skate Park, playground areas, basketball courts, fitness equipment, splash pad facilities, and most bathrooms are remaining closed. Sani-cans are open.
- Recreation is working on a virtual program while all classes, special events and rentals are cancelled until further notice.
- Cemetery shop lobby is open to public by appointment. Staff is no longer setting up for funeral services. A tent without side walls will be provided in inclement weather.