

April 9, 2020

## **COVID-19 Daily Briefing Report**

### **City of Post Falls Updates:**

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- Public Works Services are listed at the end of the page.
- The CDA Press had a nice article on how to navigate the Holidays during a Pandemic. Please see attached.
- 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:**

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- Idaho Unemployment Press Release – 77,430 claims filed. The department is working on adding additional staff to help process claims.  
<https://idahoatwork.com/2020/04/09/idahoans-file-30904-more-initial-claims-for-unemployment-insurance/#more-10851>
- The CDA Press had an article discussing Spring without Garage Sales (not considered essential). See attached article.
- Notes from Governor call with AIC:
  - Compliance has brought down the predicted spread in Idaho.
  - The Coronavirus Financial Advisory Committee will meet Monday to discuss the Federal Funding available to local governments. The City of Post Falls has submitted their information as requested by Mayor John Evans.
  - Food Stamp filings are up 43%
  - Rapid COVID-19 tests are on order for 3,000 tests per week for Idaho. These tests will allow results in about 10 to 15 minutes in a doctor's office. The state has also ordered the cartridges needed to run these tests. This will greatly enhance testing capabilities. This test was approved last Tuesday by FDA.
  - The State's Major Disaster Declaration was approved by the Federal Government allowing for 75/25 match on federal funds.

- The Strategic National Stockpile has sent out the last of its PPE and should be received in Idaho by tomorrow. With this source depleted, the State will be ordering all additional PPE.
- 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:

- City of CDA Library furloughs 22 employees. See attached article.
- PHD Press Release – Three Hospitalized. See attached article.
- OEM Question of the Day. Face Mask Question – see attached.
- Panhandle Health Environmental Department is still providing all services.  
[http://panhandlehealthdistrict.org/septic-permits-and-records/?fbclid=IwAR2eYR8wPZU3jsZdHiwUoeTlpyqOs9uO\\_md3nuUANkosvtGDj13XT0p6Q](http://panhandlehealthdistrict.org/septic-permits-and-records/?fbclid=IwAR2eYR8wPZU3jsZdHiwUoeTlpyqOs9uO_md3nuUANkosvtGDj13XT0p6Q)
- 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:

- Utah Governor Gary Herbert has issued an order requiring all adults who enter UT by Vehicle or Plan to fill out a travel declaration related to COVID-19.  
[https://kutv.com/news/coronavirus/gov-herbert-orders-travel-declaration-for-all-adults-who-enter-utah?utm\\_source=second-street&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Daily+April+8%2c+2020](https://kutv.com/news/coronavirus/gov-herbert-orders-travel-declaration-for-all-adults-who-enter-utah?utm_source=second-street&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Daily+April+8%2c+2020)

### National Updates:

- Fauci Says US Deaths projections are to be sharply reduced by restrictions in place.  
<https://www.npr.org/2020/04/09/830664814/fauci-says-u-s-coronavirus-deaths-may-be-more-like-60-000-antibody-tests-on-way>

### 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**

### **Public Works**

The Water and Streets offices have been closed to the public.

Water and Water Reclamation operators and Streets Maintenance Crews are working adjusted shifts to reduce contact with one another. Operators who work in the field are driving assigned and working from the field when possible. Work which aerosolizes wastewater is being minimized to limit that possible exposure pathway to the workforce.

All workspaces are receiving extra cleaning and sanitizing effort. Sharing of vehicles is being avoided whenever possible.

Water System: Slightly Decreased Operations, Meter Reading continues, Emphasis on decreased customer contact, Valve Exercising and Low-Risk Leak Investigations are suspended.

Water Reclamation Collections System: Slightly Decreased Operations, Critical Maintenance and Cleaning Only, Routine Line Cleaning Suspended.

Water Reclamation Facility: Normal Operations with social distancing practices employed.

Streets: Decreased Operations, Emphasis on work which can be performed while practicing social distancing. Routine maintenance of sidewalks and curbs (excluding repair of pedestrian hazards), alley maintenance, and right-of-way mowing are suspended.

Fleet: Normal Operations, Facility closed to City Staff without appointments.

Facilities: Normal Operations with an increased focus on sanitizing high-touch surfaces.