

May 14, 2020

COVID-19 Daily Briefing Report

City of Post Falls Updates:

- The City has been receiving questions on the Memorial Day Ceremony that is usually held at the Evergreen Cemetery. Instead, the American Legion has decided to honor local veterans by posting flags on Veteran's graves beginning Friday morning and the flags will remain through Monday evening. Cemetery staff will be available Saturday & Sunday (9-2) and Monday (8-2) to assist the public with answering any questions.
- City Staff are also working on the summer camp program and should have recommendations out soon. Registration will open once all protocols are approved. Staff are also working on what the Post Falls Festival might look like this year. Hopefully, we will have something out soon to help with the questions that are being received.
- 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 announced the Idaho Rebound Cash Grants for Small Businesses with a total program fund of \$300 million it will award grants up to \$10,000 per individual business <https://rebound.idaho.gov/idaho-rebound-cash-grants-for-small-businesses/>
- Kootenai County comes in at a distant second from Ada County in terms of Idaho job losses due to COVID. See attached Idaho Business Review article.
- 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 68, 64 in Kootenai County. Two new cases were added since my last briefing.
- Idaho Department of Health & Welfare 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:

- Seattle-Tacoma International Airport announced all passengers and airport employees will be required to wear cloth face coverings beginning May 18th in an effort to contain the spread of coronavirus. Some airlines are also requiring passengers to wear face coverings while in flight <https://cdapress.com/news/2020/may/10/sea-tac-to-require-passengers-workers-to-5/>
- Pend Oreille, Columbia, Garfield, Lincoln, and Ferry Counties have been approved to advance to Phase 2 of Washington's reopening plan before the rest of the state as they met eligibility requirements. This means those counties will be able to open restaurants at less than 50% capacity, new construction can commence, and hair and nail salons will be able to open.

National Updates:

- The Health Resources and Services Administration announced awarding nearly \$583 million in funding to health centers in all 50 states to expand COVID-19 testing. It will be used to expand the range of testing, procurement and administration of testing, purchase of PPE, training for staff, outreach, and expansion of walk-up or drive-up testing capabilities. This funding builds on the \$1.42 billion previously awarded to health centers to address the pandemic.
- Last week FEMA, HHS, and the private sector jointly coordinated the shipping of 86.9 million N95 respirators, 123.8 million surgical masks, 8.5 million face shields, 20 million surgical gowns, 971 million gloves, 10,663 ventilators, and 8,450 medical station beds across the U.S.

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/>