

May 14, 2020

COVID-19 Daily Briefing Report

City of Post Falls Updates:

- After careful consideration, and in conjunction with many of our neighboring cities, the precautionary decision has been made to postpone this year's Post Falls Days Parade. The Post Falls Community Ambassadors look forward to bringing back this great event in 2021.
- For those who have not heard, Sgt Justin Anderson will be returning to work on Friday May 15th. We are excited to have Justin back inspiring us all. Welcome back Justin!
- The City is continuing to work on the logistics for City meeting rooms for the various phases of the Governor's orders. As soon as we have all the data put together, information will be sent out to everyone letting them know capacity numbers, scheduling, etc.
- 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:

- Today, Governor Little announced Idaho will be moving on to Phase 2 of reopening this Saturday. He also stated that the reopening of bars will now be allowed in Phase 3 instead of 4, and the 14-day out of state quarantine will be altered to only include visitors from hot-spots. See attached press release.
- A food processing plant in Washington County, Idaho was closed due to a cluster of COVID cases. Eight of the plant's 260 workers tested positive after all attending a family gathering of over thirty people. See attached CDA Press 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. No 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:

- On Wednesday, Washington Governor Jay Inslee froze most new hiring and asked state agencies to cut 15% from their current budgets due to a projected loss of billions in state revenues. See attached letter or <https://cdapress.com/news/2020/may/13/inslee-orders-hiring-freeze-agencies-prepare-5/>.

National Updates:

- US unemployment numbers reached 36.5 million after nearly 3 million people made claims last week. Although unemployment programs have paid out \$48 billion in April, many Americans report they still have not received any unemployment benefits <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/14/business/economy/coronavirus-unemployment-claims.html>

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/>