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GOVERNOR LITTLE EXTENDS STATEWIDE STAY-HOME ORDER TO APRIL 30 WITH EXCEPTIONS

Boise, Idaho – Governor Brad Little announced today that he is extending the statewide stay-home order to April 30, with exceptions for operations of formerly “non-essential” businesses, facilities, and services and new restrictions related to nonresident travel into the state.

“Idaho will be better positioned for a strong economic comeback because we are making difficult changes in how we live and work in the short-term,” Governor Little said. “The statewide stay-home order is working to flatten the curve and slow the spread of coronavirus in Idaho, but the science tells us if you don’t time these measures right then we could worsen the outcome for citizens’ health and the economy weeks or months down the road.”

Formerly “non-essential” facilities and services under the order may now offer curbside and delivery services between now and April 30.

In addition, Governor Little’s amended order issued today requires out-of-state travelers to self-quarantine in Idaho for 14 days after entering. Those performing essential services or those who live in one state and work or gain essential services in another state are excluded.

“Rebounding to an economic recovery will require consumer confidence. Without therapeutics to treat symptoms of coronavirus, without a vaccine, and without herd immunity, consumers want to know businesses will adhere to strict practices to assure their health and safety. We can expect to go through phases of loosening and tightening of these measures until we do. In the meantime, I will continue to push for expanded access to testing,” Governor Little added.

To view the amended order and updated informational materials visit: <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>.

TETON VALLEY HEALTH (TVH)

TVH has received rapid testing equipment donated by the John Cushman Foundation. Since its arrival, the equipment has been validated and staff have been trained to begin testing. To date, limited testing and the length of time needed to receive lab results have made it difficult to accurately assess the health of our community. The new testing equipment will be used to establish a mechanism to understand the true prevalence of COVID - 19 in Teton County, Idaho and Alta, Wyoming. TVH is currently working with epidemiologists to determine the best method to randomly select an adequate sample of our population for testing. This data will be used in planning efforts to “reopen” our community and to protect our citizens from further infection. Random testing will begin next week and an analysis of that data will be provided as soon as it is available.

COUNTY AND CITIES

With the news of the amended Governor’s Stay Home Order, the county and cities remain committed to measures already put in place to stop the spread of COVID - 19. When further state recommendations are received and data from testing is provided, the county and cities will act accordingly. For now, we ask everyone to please stay the course. What we are doing is working and we thank you for your vigilance in the continued effort to stop the spread of this serious illness.

EASTERN IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH (EIPH) (from daily reports April 11 - April 13)

Eastern Idaho Public Health will be hosting an informational webinar on Thursday, April 16 at 1:00 p.m. for any business interested in learning more about non-pharmaceutical interventions and criteria recommended to be included in an operational plan for reopening non-essential businesses. Based on interest, additional webinars will be offered. Please visit our website at www.EIPH.Idaho.gov for webinar details.

STATISTICS UPDATE

| World Update | National Update | Idaho Update |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2,074,046 total cases | 641,762 total cases | 1,587 total cases |
| 134,072 deaths | 28,442 deaths | 41 deaths |
| 76,140 new cases in last 24 hrs | 27,876 new cases in last 24 hrs | 49 cases since yesterday |

Additional data for Idaho: there have been 143 hospitalizations across the state with 46 admissions to the ICU.

TETON SCHOOL DISTRICT 401

Following up on the Governor's press conference today, the State Board of Education is meeting tomorrow (Thursday, April 16); on its agenda is the determination of criteria that would allow school districts to open up. The Board of Trustees of Teton School District has already scheduled a special meeting for next Monday (April 20) at 5:30 pm to discuss the Governor's proclamation and whatever the State Board decides. The TSD 401 School Board meeting will be held remotely and live streamed on the district's Facebook page. Public comment will be accepted prior to the meeting. Please send to the school board clerk at dtemple@d401.k12.id.us

The school district has provided 12,459 free meals to kids age 1-18 since Tuesday, 3/17/2020. That's an average of 566 meals per day. A reminder to parents to please signup by midnight the night before meal pickup at the Home-Based Learning Portal on the district website, tsd401.org.

RECREATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Though the Governor's stay home order has been extended, it doesn't mean people are discouraged from getting outside for recreational opportunities, in fact we are encouraged to do so. Being active is one way to keep our bodies and minds healthy through this difficult time. However, it is very important to maintain social distancing recommendations while using trails, rivers, boat ramps, and local parks in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. Please recreate while maintaining a six foot distance between anyone not living in your household.

THE SPUD DRIVE-IN

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) met on April 14 to reconsider the Business Operations Resolution passed on March 20, 2020 which closed all theaters (film or stage) to the general public in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. The Spud Drive - In requested reconsideration to show movies under strict guidelines outlined in a COVID-19 Operations Plan. After much discussion, the BOCC voted to modify the Business Operations Resolution to allow the Spud Drive-In to show movies under strict compliance with the proposed plan. For more information visit <https://spuddrivein.com/>

COVID - 19 INFORMATION HUB

All things COVID-19 can be found by visiting: <https://coronavirus-response-tetonidaho.hub.arcgis.com/>

PRIMARY ELECTION VOTING DURING COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic voting in the May 19 Primary Election is **only available** by casting an absentee ballot. For details on how to vote absentee visit: <https://idahovotes.gov/vote-early-idaho/>

US CENSUS IS HAPPENING NOW

With everything going on we wanted to remind everyone that the 2020 US Census is happening now. It is important for our community to be accurately accounted for in the census for the following reasons:

- Fair share of government money for public services
- Fair representation in Congress and the legislature

For information on how to complete your census form visit www.2020census.gov

Together we will make it!
TETON VALLEY STRONG!