



Governor Extends Stay Home Order

Governor Brad Little today extended the state's "Stay-Home" order for another two weeks. The Governor thanked Idahoans who have observed the stay-home order, worn face coverings and socially distanced themselves for the past 21 days for helping "flatten the curve" of Idaho's coronavirus cases – but there is still more progress that needs to be made.

The Governor's amended order issued today does allow for some previously deemed "non-essential" businesses to follow the same curbside and delivery guidelines that many restaurants and other businesses have implemented over the past three weeks. The order also 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.

Health and Welfare Director Dave Jeppesen said the continuation of the order will help in making sure "our health capacity is sufficient" to deal with future coronavirus cases.

State Epidemiologist Dr. Christine Hahn also credited the data that Idaho's hospitals report daily into the Idaho's Resource Tracking System as the best indicator for how many Idahoans are being impacted by coronavirus, and IRTS will be one of the tools used to evaluate the State's next steps on April 30.

For more information, visit [Idaho's Official Coronavirus](https://coronavirus.idaho.gov) site.

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GUIDANCE FOR GOVERNOR BRAD LITTLE'S AMENDED STATEWIDE STAY-HOME ORDER

Order Updated on April 15, 2020 | Effective through April 30, 2020

Facilities & services can open for curbside & delivery

Any facility or service (including formerly "non-essential" businesses) can begin to operate via curbside services, drive-in, drive-through pickup, mailed services or delivery services.

Must remain closed: indoor gyms, recreational facilities, nightclubs, bars, entertainment venues, convention centers, hair and nail salons, public events and gatherings, dine-in restaurants (drive-thru, carry-out, delivery to continue), and other facilities and services not included in "essential" businesses as defined in order.

Out-of-state travelers limited

Non-residents must self-quarantine in Idaho for 14 days after coming into the state.

Does not apply to those performing essential services or those who live in one state and work or gain essential services in another state.

Continue to self-isolate

ALL residents of Idaho must self-isolate and stay and work from home as much as possible, unless you work in healthcare, public safety or an identified "essential business" as defined in order.

Residents can leave homes to obtain or provide essential services. People at higher risk (over 65 and/or health-compromised) should avoid leaving their homes.

Employers that do not provide essential services as defined in order must take all steps necessary for employees to work remotely from home.

Ramp up personal hygiene

Practices social distancing, wash hands, don't touch your face, clean high touch surfaces, cover coughs and sneezes, and do not shake hands. Wear protective face coverings in public places and gloves as necessary.

"Essential" facilities & services still open

Grocery stores, healthcare facilities, gas stations, pharmacies, essential state and local government functions, laundromats/laundry services, financial institutions, residential and home-based care, veterinary services, hardware stores, limited child care for essential workers, infrastructure, and other businesses essential to the safety and well-being of the residents as defined in the order remain open. Restaurants open but only for drive-thru, carry-out, or delivery.

Limit public transit & travel

Only to provide or obtain essential services. Idaho residents continue to cease all non-essential travel.

No gatherings

Limit all non-essential gatherings of any number of individuals outside the household.

Outdoor activity OK

Outdoor activity is not prohibited but residents should keep distance of 6-feet from others not in their household.

Amended Order in effect through April 30, 2020.
Governor Little and public health officials will reassess before April 30, 2020.
Final Amended Statewide Stay-Home Order available at coronavirus.idaho.gov

Reimbursement & Policy

CARES funding update

We understand that those Idaho hospitals that have an active ACH on file with UnitedHealth should have received their portion of the first \$30 billion CARES Act funding last Friday, April 10. Those Idaho hospitals that have an active ACH on file with CMS should get their money deposited this Friday, April 17.

Idaho hospitals that still receive paper checks from CMS will have those checks cut and in the mail by the end of the week – and you will receive those checks through the US Postal Service.

NHSN - National Healthcare Safety Network reporting

CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) is a healthcare-associated infection tracking system which now includes three COVID-19 pathways:

- Patient Impact and Hospital Capacity
- Healthcare Worker Staffing; and
- Healthcare Supply.

This is one of several methods referenced in Vice President Pence's letters requesting daily hospital reporting.

NHSN will enable state and local health departments to gain immediate access to the COVID-19 data for hospitals in their jurisdictions. COVID-19 data submitted to NHSN also will be used by both the CDC and HHS for tracking and monitoring.

IHA continues to work with IDHW and the Office of Emergency Management to minimize the reporting burden wherever possible.

Increased Medicare payments for high-production lab tests

CMS announced it is [nearly doubling Medicare payment](#) for lab tests that use high-throughput technologies for rapidly detecting COVID-19 cases beginning April 14 through the end of the national emergency declaration. According to the release, Medicare will pay the higher payment of \$100 for COVID-19 clinical diagnostic lab tests making use of high-throughput technologies developed by the private sector that allow for increased testing capacity, faster results, and more effective means of combating the spread of the virus. High-throughput lab tests can process more than two hundred specimens a day using highly sophisticated equipment that requires specially trained technicians and more time-intensive processes to assure quality.

Resources & Equipment

CORRECTION ~ Tools for tracking and forecasting.

Yesterday, we offered a short list of resources hospitals can use in capacity planning, community vulnerability mapping and other helpful resources. The [link to the entire list of resources](#) was inadvertently left out which contains a number of other tools.

Quality & Patient Safety

CDC recommendations for entering healthcare facilities

On April 13, the CDC updated their recommendations for staff, patients, visitors and others entering healthcare facilities regardless of symptoms. The changes include:

- To address asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic transmission, implement source control for everyone entering a healthcare facility (e.g., healthcare personnel, patients, visitors), regardless of symptoms.
- Actively screen everyone for fever and symptoms of COVID-19 before they enter the healthcare facility.
- As community transmission intensifies within a region, healthcare facilities could consider foregoing contact tracing for exposures in a healthcare setting in favor of universal source control for HCP and screening for fever and symptoms before every shift.

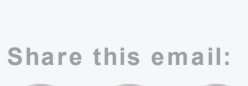
Review the summary of changes and additional links [here](#).

CDC case review of exposed healthcare personnel

Yesterday, CDC posted a review examining [Transmission of COVID-19 to Health Care Personnel During Exposures to a Hospitalized Patient — Solano County, California, February 2020](#). This paper reviews outcomes, durations of exposure, sources of exposure, and PPE use for healthcare personnel who were exposed to a patient with unrecognized COVID-19.

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