Idaho Governor Extends Stay Home Order

Governor Brad Little today extended the state’s “Stay-Home” order for another two weeks. 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 “essential” businesses are following. 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.

Increased Medicare payments for high-production lab tests

Medicare will pay the higher payment of $100 for COVID-19 clinical diagnostic lab tests through the end of the national emergency declaration. According to the release, 1,900 Medicare Advantage plans and 5,000 Medicare Part B contractors had agreed to make 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.

NHSN - National Healthcare Safety Network reporting

The Governor’s amended order issued today also requires out-of-state travelers to self-quarantine in Idaho for 14 days after arrival. Idaho’s hospitals are making sure “our health capacity is sufficient” to deal with future coronavirus cases.

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Facilities & services can open for curbside/or delivery

For more information, visit IdahoHospital.org or call 1-800-486-8837.

Idaho Coronavirus site.

Reimbursement & Policy

CARES funding update

Yesterday, CDC posted a review examining sources of exposure, and PPE use for healthcare personnel who were exposed to a patient with unrecognized COVID-19.

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About the Resources & Equipment

CDC's recommendations for entering healthcare facilities

As community transmission intensifies within a region, healthcare facilities will need to expand their screening guidelines further. Alphabetical or prioritized lists and in the mail by the end of the week – and you will receive those checks through the US Postal Service.

One of the many tools added to Idaho’s Resource Tracking System which now includes three COVID-19 pathways:

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CDC continued to work with IDHW and the Office of Emergency Management to also will be used by both the CDC and HHS for tracking and monitoring.

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