

COVID-19 Daily Report to Members ~ May 28, 2020



Idaho moves ahead to Stage 3

As anticipated based on key downward data trends, Governor Little announced that Idaho is **ready to move to Stage 3** of the **Idaho Rebounds Plan** with some additional businesses being moved up from Stage 4.

Key indicators the Governor looks at in determining the readiness of Idaho to move further ahead in the plan continue to improve, including:

- With a target of less than 5% positive outcome for tested cases, Idaho currently sits at 3.37% for the latest two-week period.
- There is a consistent downward trend of reported cases; however, a spike on May 22 reduced the progress made over the period analyzed. This was the result of mass testing in a food processing plant where an outbreak was identified.
- Emergency patients presenting with COVID-like symptoms continues to decrease.
- Hospitals remain at a high level of readiness with at least a 10-day supply of PPE; high ICU bed and ventilator capacity; and operating under normal standards of care.

The Governor announced additions to this phase which now allows movie theaters and bars to open with appropriate protocols.

Reimbursement & Policy

SBA and Federal Reserve lending programs update

Both the Small Business Administration (SBA) and Federal Reserve sent out new information this week regarding various federal relief programs funded through the CARES Act and other legislation.

The SBA continues to clarify loan forgiveness requirements for the Paycheck Protection Program. Applications for loan forgiveness began to be accepted last week. **Two interim final rules** were released today clarifying: the loan forgiveness process; payroll and non-payroll costs eligible for forgiveness; reductions to the loan forgiveness amount; documentation requirements; and the agency's process for reviewing applications.

The Federal Reserve has established the Main Street Lending Program for small and medium-sized business. At this point, not-for-profit organizations are not eligible and loans from these programs are not forgivable. Visit the Federal Reserve's [webpage](#) for more information.

Resources & Equipment

Idaho finalizes experimental drug distribution plan

As the State of Idaho receives additional shipments of remdesivir for help in treating COVID-19 patients, distribution to the various regions of the state will follow the [plan](#) posted today on the State's [coronavirus website](#).

HHS is planning another shipment to states the week of June 15. The size of that shipment will be based on data hospitals enter into TeleTracking for June 8.

Quality & Patient Safety

Joint Commission to resume surveying

The Joint Commission announced that **regular surveys and reviews will resume** in June — with some changes to protect safety. Surveys will focus on a thorough assessment but will not retroactively review compliance. The implementation of a hospital's emergency operations plan will not be the focus of return survey activity considering CMS waivers and other extensions. Rather, they will work to understand how hospitals have adapted to the pandemic and review current practices to assure they are providing safe care and working in a safe environment.

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