Hi All-

Short update today.

Statewide Update: Earlier today, Governor Little held a press conference to relay the newest guidance from the White House and CDC. Idaho currently has a total of 9 confirmed cases, but there is not yet confirmation that community spread is occurring at this time. The newest federal guidance includes the following recommendations:

- Do not visit nursing homes, retirement homes, or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance, but still find ways to connect with loved ones in these facilities, such as phone, text, Facetime, and others
- Avoid discretionary travel
- Avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people
- Continue to practice good hygiene
- Work from home whenever possible – UNLESS you work in a critical industry
- Take advantage of the many drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options for food. Businesses are stepping up to make these options even more available than before, in order to serve customers and keep people working.

Board of Corrections Update: This morning we provided an update to the Board of Corrections. We walked the Board through the efforts taken thus far to prepare for, protect from and respond to the COVID-19 health emergency. The Board expressed their sincere gratitude for all of your hard work and the care and concern you’ve shown for each other and the people in our custody and under our supervision.

Stakeholder Coordination: IDOC is standing up weekly conference calls with the Courts and Sheriffs to ensure we’re coordinating our efforts. We also will be working with Sheriffs and jails to make sure our planning efforts are aligned and resources can be shared.

We continue to identify processes that need to be tweaked and other areas that warrant our attention. That’s okay, it’s to be expected, and we will respond appropriately when issues arise. But it is impressive what all of you have been able to accomplish in such a short amount of time! Please continue to be vigilant in ways to minimize spread of COVID-19, look out for each other, and stay safe!

Thanks-
Josh