

COVID-19 Update - April 15, 2020

Hi all-

Earlier today, Governor Little announced an extension and modifications to his previous Stay-Home Order. The new order extends 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. I’ve attached a poster with more details. You also can view more details [here](#).

It basically means we continue to practice all the behaviors we have been doing since March 25, when Governor Little issued the first 21-day order. However, formerly “non-essential” facilities and services under the order may offer curbside and delivery services between now and April 30. This excludes some “non-essential” businesses where people simply cannot safely social distance, such as nightclubs, bars, and restaurants for dine-in; indoor gyms and recreational facilities; hair and nail salons; convention and entertainment centers; and public events and gatherings.

In addition, Governor Little’s amended order 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. I know we have some staff who live in neighboring states. You are excluded from any of the self-quarantining requirements.

The extension was not necessarily unexpected. The numbers have been more encouraging lately and suggest the stay-home order has been working. While the number of positive cases continue to increase, the number of new cases each day has dropped from the highs we experienced at the end of March.

The Governor noted in his press conference that we have a lot of work ahead of us. Increasing testing capacity continues to be a high priority not only for detection of COVID-19, but also for understanding how immunity is developing in the community. Those factors will be important in determining when the current restrictions can be eased.

For us, our work goes on. Thanks again to each of you for everything you’re doing to ensure our essential services can continue uninterrupted even if we have to deliver them differently. Please continue to take all the necessary precautions to protect the health and well-being of you and your family. Above all, please continue to look out for each other.

Thanks-  
Josh