

COVID-19 Update - April 23, 2020

Hi all-

Today it felt like we won the lottery. I mentioned before how difficult it has been to acquire no-touch thermometers. This morning we received 23 of them with the help of Corizon, our medical provider. We started the process of getting those out to the facilities today. Once all the facilities are equipped and trained on the thermometers, we'll begin doing temperature checks for everyone as part of the medical screening process. We'll let you know when we plan to go live.

**Rebound Idaho:** Earlier today, Governor Little announced a phased, data-driven approach to reopening Idaho's economy. The plan will occur over four stages and sets forth specific criteria for Idaho to meet before moving into each of the four stages, as well as business protocols that must be followed for certain businesses to open up in the various stages. The Governor's Office created [Rebound.Idaho.Gov](https://Rebound.Idaho.Gov), a new online resource for Idahoans to track the state's progress in reopening the state's economy in stages to ensure a strong economic comeback.

The phased approach has specific implications for IDOC. Of note is Stage 4, which is tentatively scheduled to begin June 13<sup>th</sup>. If all the criteria are met to enter Stage 4, visitation may resume for senior living facilities and congregate facilities (jails and correctional facilities). The incident command team will go through the information in greater detail tomorrow and adjust our operational periods as needed.

The Governor also announced the creation of his Economic Rebound Advisory Committee, made up of business leaders across the state. The group will provide recommendations that work to rebuild employee and consumer confidence, provide for business stability and growth, and eventually business promotion and attraction.

I encourage everyone to take some time to visit the website and take a look at the phases. The Governor's plan should go a long ways to taking some of the guesswork and speculation out of the equation about when and how businesses will be able to reopen.

**Cloth Face Covering Memo:** We're making cloth face coverings like they're going out of style. So far, we've produced over 12,000 and the people working on them are making over 1,200 per day. The State Division of Human Resources released some guidance for the state of Idaho on appropriate use of cloth face coverings. The memo is attached for your review and we'll get it posted to the website tomorrow.

That's it for today, and another week is almost in the books. Thanks again for all you do!

Thanks-  
Josh