COVID-19 Update - April 30, 2020

Hi all-

Earlier today, Governor Little announced he is replacing the previous statewide stay-home order with his new “Stay Healthy Order” for Stage 1. The order follows the guidance of the President and CDC and was developed in close and constant consultation with the state epidemiologists. Stage 1 means 90-percent of businesses can open their doors on May 1. To ensure consumer and employee confidence, businesses must follow certain protocols. You can find more information here.

Here's what you can expect in Stage 1:

- Places of worship, daycares, and organized youth activities and day camps can reopen as long as they follow protocols.

- The 14-day self-quarantine for people entering the state will continue, to prevent an influx of out-of-state visitors who could be carrying the virus into Idaho.

- Vulnerable Idahoans should continue to stay at home if they can.

- Employees are encouraged to continue teleworking, and employers should return employees to work in phases.

- Gatherings of any size, both public and private, should be avoided.

- Non-essential travel should be minimized or avoided.

- Dine-in restaurants must remain closed, but pick-up and delivery options will still available. In the next two weeks, restaurant operators should develop plans to open for dine-in on May 16 during Stage 2. Protocols will be available at Rebound.Idaho.Gov before close of business today.

- Indoor gyms, recreation facilities, and close contact services such as massage, hair and nail salons remain closed, but can make plans to reopen on May 16 in Stage 2 if they follow protocols.

- Visits to senior living facilities and congregate facilities such as jails and prisons are prohibited.

- Bars, nightclubs, and large venues must remain closed.

Thanks again for your continued vigilance. More to come tomorrow. Stay safe, and please take care of yourself.

Thanks-
Josh