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TO: All Citizens of the State of Idaho, Elected and Appointed Officials
FROM: Dave Jeppesen, Director 
RE: Order to Self-Isolate for the State of Idaho

Please find attached, an Order to Self-Isolate for all individuals living in Idaho. The isolation order was issued in order to fight the community spread of coronavirus that has been confirmed in Idaho. It is based on the advice and direction of state, federal and local public health experts.

- The isolation order requires Idaho residents to stay and work from home as much as possible while ensuring all essential services and business remain available.
- The isolation order identifies the essential services and businesses that will remain open, including grocery stores, health care facilities, all utilities, gas stations, financial institutions, residential and home-based care, and other businesses essential to the safety and well-being of the residents of citizens of Idaho. Restaurants will still be able to provide delivery and carry out service.
- America's supply chain is the strongest in the world and the Governor has already taken steps to ensure there will be no delay or shortage of supplies. There is no need to rush to the store or hoard supplies.
- The isolation order does not prohibit outdoor activity such as walking, hiking, running, and biking, but a safe distance of six (6) feet must be kept between those who do not live in the same household.
- The isolation order is a crucial step in fighting the spread of coronavirus and ensuring our healthcare system is not overrun with many cases at the same time.

Please do your part to protect your family and neighbors, stay calm, and isolate yourself to help our state get through this difficult time safely.

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ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR**

**ORDER TO SELF-ISOLATE
DATE OF ORDER: March 25, 2020**

THIS ORDER DIRECTS ALL INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE STATE OF IDAHO TO SELF-ISOLATE AT THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE.

1. EXCEPT THAT THEY MAY LEAVE TO PROVIDE OR RECEIVE CERTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES OR ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES AND WORK FOR ESSENTIAL BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES;
2. EXEMPTING INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FROM THE SELF-ISOLATION ORDER BUT URGING THEM TO FIND SHELTER AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PROVIDE IT;
3. DIRECTING ALL BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO CEASE NONESSENTIAL OPERATIONS AT PHYSICAL LOCATIONS IN THE STATE OF IDAHO;
4. PROHIBITING ALL NON-ESSENTIAL GATHERINGS OF ANY NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS; AND
5. ORDERING CESSATION OF ALL NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL.

The Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (“the Director”) is authorized by Idaho Code § 56-1003(7) “to impose and enforce orders of isolation and quarantine to protect the public from the spread of infectious or communicable diseases.”

This Order shall become effective at 1:30 p.m. on March 25, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 15, 2020 or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Director.

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order could constitute a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. Idaho Code § 56-1003(7)(c).

SUMMARY

The virus that causes Coronavirus 2019 Disease (“COVID-19”) is easily transmitted, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety.