

**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE  
ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR**

**ORDER TO SELF-ISOLATE  
DATE OF ORDER: April 10, 2020**

**THIS ORDER DIRECTS ALL INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE STATE OF IDAHO TO  
SELF-ISOLATE**

On March 25, 2020, pursuant to Sections 46-601 and 46-1008, Idaho Code, the Governor ordered the Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (“the Director”) to issue an initial Order for the residents of the state of Idaho to Self-Isolate.

The Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare 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.”

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order could constitute an infraction, punishable by a fine. Idaho Code § 18-111.

**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.

Because of the risk of the rapid spread of the virus, and the need to protect all citizens of the State of Idaho, especially individuals most vulnerable to the virus and health care providers, this Order requires all individuals anywhere in the State of Idaho to self-isolate.

This order begins at 12:01 a.m. on April 16th and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Director, subject to the limited exceptions and under the terms and conditions more particularly set forth below.

Under the circumstances in which individuals are allowed to interact in person outside their residence, the Director orders individuals to abide by the following requirements:

(i) Maintain at least six feet from other individuals, wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, cover coughs or sneezes, and not shake hands;

(ii) For people with medical conditions, regardless of age, that put them at higher risk of serious complications should they contract COVID-19, and other than health care workers and other essential providers, avoid leaving their homes to the extent possible; and

(iii) For employers in the State of Idaho, take all steps necessary for employees to work remotely from home to the extent possible.

(iv) Any business in the state of Idaho wishing to remain open during the operation of this order shall take measures to safeguard the health of its customers and employees. These measures may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) A limit on the number of customers who may enter a building or be served at any given time;
- (b) Placement of roping, floor markings, sneeze guards, changes to spacing of tables and chairs, or the installation of other barriers to maintain social distancing between customers and employees;
- (c) Requiring customers and/or employees to wear protective masks or gloves;
- (d) Creating special hours specifically for customers and/or employees who are at greater risk of infection, for example, elderly or immunocompromised individuals;

Any business found to not be in compliance, may be ordered closed until additional precautions can be met. A closure order may be appealed to the board of county commissioners where the business is located, which shall render a decision in open meeting, in consultation with the local health district.

These requirements build on the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines issued March 11, 2020, extended as necessary to address the health emergency affecting the State of Idaho.

No individual who is sick may go to the workplace or be outside the home except as necessary to seek or receive medical care in accordance with guidance from public health officials.

The Director may revise this Order as the situation evolves. Check the Governor's coronavirus website ([coronavirus.idaho.gov](http://coronavirus.idaho.gov)) regularly.

**UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF IDAHO CODE § 56-1003(7) THE IDAHO  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE DIRECTOR ORDERS:**

1. This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing occurrence of COVID-19 within the State of Idaho, scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, and evidence that the age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population of the state places its citizens at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19.

Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in the general public, which is now a pandemic according to the World Health Organization, there is a public health emergency throughout the State of Idaho. Making the problem worse, some individuals who contract the COVID-19 virus have no symptoms or have mild symptoms, which means they may not be aware they carry the virus. Because even people without symptoms can transmit the disease, and because evidence shows the disease is easily spread, gatherings can result in transmission of the virus.

The scientific evidence shows that at this stage of the emergency, it is essential to slow virus transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed. One proven way to slow transmission is to limit interactions among people to the greatest extent practicable. By reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this Order helps preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity in the State of Idaho.

2. This Order is necessary to slow the rate of spread and will be re-evaluated as further data becomes available.
3. When people need to leave their places of residence, they should at all times reasonably possible comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 8.e. below. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent.
4. All individuals currently living within the State of Idaho are ordered to self-isolate. They must at all times as reasonably possible maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence.
5. All Businesses are encouraged to remain open. To the greatest extent feasible, Businesses shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 8.e. below, including by maintaining six-foot social distancing for both employees and members of the public, including, but not limited to, when any customers are standing in line.
6. All people in Idaho shall immediately cease hosting or participating in all public and private gatherings and multi-person activities for social, spiritual and recreational purposes, regardless of the number of people involved, unless they can comply with the Social Distancing Requirements as identified in Section 8.e.

Such activity includes, but is not limited to, community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; conventions; fundraisers; and similar activities.

## 7. Definitions

- a. Vulnerable population: People at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are urged to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care.

b. First responders: For purposes of this Order, all first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, and law enforcement personnel, and others working are categorically exempt from this Order. Further, nothing in this Order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing “Essential Governmental Functions.” Essential Government Functions means all services needed to ensure the continuing operation of local, state, federal, or tribal government agencies and provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public. All Essential Governmental Functions shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined by Section 8.e., to the extent possible.

As explained in Section 8.f. below, if any provisions in this Order conflict with any of the guidance in the CISA Guidance then the provisions of this Order shall control.

c. Businesses: For the purposes of this Order, businesses include any for-profit, non-profit, or educational entities, regardless of the nature of the service, the function they perform, or its corporate or entity structure.

As explained in Section 8.f. below, this Order incorporates by reference CISA Guidance issued by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the United States Homeland Security on March 19, 2020.

d. Minimum basic operations: For the purposes of this Order, “Minimum Basic Operations” include the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined this Section, to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations:

I. The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business’s inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions.

II. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.

e. Social distancing requirements: For purposes of this order “Social Distancing Requirements” includes maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

f. This Order incorporates by reference the Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response issued by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the United States Department of Homeland Security on March 28, 2020. That guidance is located at <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce>.

This order also incorporates federal guidance from the Department of the Treasury and the Department of defense that are located at <https://home.treasury.gov/news/pressreleases/sm956> and <https://media.defense.gov/2020/Mar/22/2002268024/-1/-1/1/DEFENSE-INDUSTRIAL-BASE-ESSENTIAL-CRITICALINFRASTRUCTURE-WORKFORCE-MEMO.PDF>

8. The Director requests that the Sheriff and the Chiefs of Police in the State of Idaho, and the Idaho State Police ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health.
9. This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on April 16, and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Director.
10. This Self-Isolation Order supersedes and replaces the prior Self-Isolation Order I issued for Blaine County, Idaho on March 20, 2020.
11. This Self-Isolation Order supersedes and replaces the prior Self-Isolation Order I issued for the state on March 25, 2020.
12. Each county and each city must promptly provide copies of the Order as follows: (1) by posting the Order on its website, (2) by posting the Order at each county courthouse and each city hall, and (3) by providing a copy to any member of the public requesting it. The Order will also be posted on the website of the Department of Health and Welfare.
13. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

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DAVE JEPPESEN, DIRECTOR  
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

Dated: April 10, 2020