

# Our Community – COVID-19 – Essential Update

By: Mayor Marc Beitia

**9:00 AM, March 27, 2020 – 432 confirmed cases and 8 deaths from COVID-19 in Idaho.**

## How you can help us help you:

- **Please stay home except for essential needs (see Governor's order)**
- **Please practice Social Distancing** – 6 to 10 feet of separation between each other
- **Please practice Respiratory Hygiene** - sneeze or cough into your bent elbow
- **Please wash your hands frequently** - especially after touching hard surfaces and door knobs
- **Please disinfect hard surfaces regularly** – counter tops and door knobs
- **Please try not to touch your face** – eyes, nose or mouth
- **Please stay home if you are sick** – contact your healthcare provider

## GOVERNOR LITTLE ISSUES STATEWIDE STAY-HOME ORDER

- See simplified poster and official order on here on the City website.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

- Please see the City website for the link to these three Small Business Assistance materials:
- 1-IDCOC\_127\_USChamber Small Business ELA Loan Guide
- 2-IDCOC\_126\_Phase\_3\_Bipart\_Summary\_FINAL
- 3-IDCOC\_125\_HANDOUT\_SBA Disaster Assistance Resources for Businesses \_1\_

## A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF POLICE WILKINSON

The Power County Sheriff's Office and The American Falls Police Department would like to advise everyone that we are NOT stopping people and asking for your travel documents. We also want you to know that Deputies and Officers are not asking for essential employee cards or asking employers to give employees these [cards](#). If, at any time, someone pulls you over and asks for your travel documents, please contact Sheriff Jim Jeffries or Chief Brandon Wilkinson and advise them of the situation. Thank you all for your patience and understanding. We want to thank essential workers and businesses and we ask that you follow the Governors orders when not at work.

## COVID-19 Supplies Needed

Southeastern Idaho Public Health (SIPH) is asking communities for donations of surgical or N95 masks, medical grade gloves, handsanitizer and disinfectant (spray or wipes) for first responders and health care workers in southeast Idaho. Area responders are having a difficult time obtaining these much needed supplies to protect our community due to the shortage nationwide. Donations can be delivered to all Southeastern Idaho Public Health offices or at Power County, 590 ½ Gifford, American Falls, 208.226.5096. Call before delivering please.

**PLEASE COMPLY – IF IT IS NOT TOILET PAPER DO NOT FLUSH IT!**

- Sewer backups are becoming much more frequent all over the country because everyone is spending more time at home and trying to get rid of all the sanitizer wipes and flushable wipes by flushing them down the toilet. PLEASE STOP!
- Most wipes are not biodegradable in a sewage processing plant AND CLOG HOME DRAINS. Even if labeled as FLUSHABLE regardless of how they are advertised they CLOG and COMPROMISE this essential service and City system. Dispose of all wipes and other products that are not toilet paper in the regular garbage please.
- PLEASE help us prevent another serious problem where one need not exist.