

Executive Department
State of Idaho

## The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

State Capital Boise

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Idahoans is the greatest priority of our state and its leaders; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has been studying and preparing for the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) since it first appeared in the United States in January 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers COVID-19 a public health threat; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho is committed to responding rapidly and effectively to the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and safety of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, I established a Coronavirus Working Group to aid in the many public health aspects of the incident, and that Working Group has been working diligently and communicating daily to provide me and the State of Idaho with the best available science, data, methods, and advice on responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has and continues to prepare for and respond to the presence of COVID-19 in Idaho, including increasing the capacity of the health care system, securing medical supplies and personal protective equipment, ensuring supply lines of food and non-medical supplies will remain open and reliable, providing extensive information to the citizens of Idaho on the prevention and spread of COVID-19, being one of the first states to have a lab for testing and increasing the capacity of testing at the lab by many times in a matter of weeks, and securing over a billion dollars in funds to support the emergency response; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, when the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Idaho, I issued a proclamation declaring a state of emergency in the State of Idaho due to the occurrence and imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, President Trump issued a proclamation on March 13, 2020, declaring a national emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States and in order to implement additional measures to successfully contain and combat the virus in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, immediately upon the confirmation of community spread in Blaine County, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare put in place an isolation order requiring all residents in Blaine County to remain at home except to obtain or provide essential services; and

WHEREAS, I issued a proclamation on March 25, 2020, declaring a state of extreme emergency in the State of Idaho pursuant to Chapter 6, Title 46, Idaho Code, due to incidences of community spread, increasing occurrence, and the threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of COVID19; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, upon confirmation of community spread in Idaho's most populated areas, I directed the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to issue a statewide stay-home order in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2020, President Trump declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Idaho, which allows for additional federal assistance to aid in recovery efforts related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the statewide stay-home order was extended on April 15, 2020 and remains

in effect through April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, there is risk to life and the continued operation of public infrastructure as a result of the potential for cases of COVID-19 throughout the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, cases of COVID-19 have continued to increase in Idaho, necessitating additional measures to ensure to contain and combat the virus; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brad Little, Governor of the State of Idaho, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Idaho, and the laws of this State, including Sections 46-601 and 46-1008, Idaho Code, do hereby find and therefore proclaim and declare:

- 1. There continues to exist a condition of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the State of Idaho caused by the increasing presence of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), which, by reason of its magnitude, is beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of any city or county. Accordingly, I find that there exists an extreme emergency within the State of Idaho.
- 2. The state of emergency proclamation issued on March 13, 2020, and extended on March 25, 2020, continues to be in effect and is hereby extended for a period of thirty days unless terminated, modified or extended.
- 3. All amendments to the March 13, 2020 disaster declaration and March 25, 2020 extreme emergency declaration remain in effect for the duration of this proclamation or unless revoked.
- 4. This proclamation shall be disseminated promptly by means calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public and be promptly filed with the Idaho office of emergency management, the office of the secretary of state and the office of the recorder of each county.
- 5. This proclamation is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the State of Idaho, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 22nd day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

Brad Little GOVERNOR

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