

# COVID-19 RESOURCES – NORTH IDAHO

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## Business & Community Leaders

One of our objectives is to make your life a little bit easier, as you navigate your businesses through the Covid-19 pandemic. So, we're mixing old and new information in this issue, so you don't have to refer to an older issue. Everything new is in purple to make it easier for you to spot new information. We know it will be hard to weather another two weeks of "shelter-in-place," but please know everyone is working hard to figure out how to restart our economy, while keeping everyone safe.

**To all the people and organizations in the front lines: Thank you and Stay safe!**

### Census 2020

The 2020 Census is happening now. You can respond by phone, at home or [online](#).

**Census data determines the distribution of federal funds** used for schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

It's important to our communities that you participate. Thank you.

## Need to Know

- **Stay Home Mandate** Governor Little extended the mandate to April 30<sup>th</sup>, with some exceptions, the biggest being non-essential business that can provide curb-side service safely can do so. To see the order, news release or the updated list of what's allowed, [please click here](#).
- **Idaho Primary Election** will be conducted **entirely by mail**. Governor Brad Little and Secretary of State Lawrence Denney made the announcement on March 30, 2020. To request your absentee ballot, [please click here](#).
- **Federal Tax Day is now July 15**: Treasury, IRS extended the filing deadline and Federal tax payments regardless of the amount owed. For information, [click here](#).

- **Idaho Tax Day is now June 15**, one month ahead of Federal tax filing. Governor Brad Little signed the proclamation on March 23 to push the Idaho income tax deadline to June 15<sup>th</sup>. For information, [click here](#).
- **Crush the Curve Campaign**. Any essential worker can visit [CrushTheCurve.com](https://CrushTheCurve.com) to take a simple assessment. Those who meet the criteria will be contacted to schedule a testing appointment at the nearest testing center. This was just launched by a consortium of private industry, so please be patient with possible roll-out delays.
- **Surveys to Help us Help You**
  - From Idaho Departments of Commerce and Agriculture would like your feedback on the impact of COVID-19 on your business. Complete by April 22, 2020. To link to the survey, [please click here](#).
  - Ongoing Idaho SBDC survey since March 18<sup>th</sup> assessing the impact of COVID-19 on small business. To take the short survey, [please click here](#). To see the findings of the survey, [please click here](#).
- There are three **non-profit organizations providing funding for the most vulnerable** in our region. To learn more about these resources, please check the following:
  - [Idaho Community Foundation](#)
  - [Innovia Foundation](#)
  - [CDA Covid-19 Relief Fund](#)

## Economic Relief

- **Save Small Business Fund**, a grantmaking initiative funded by corporate and philanthropic partners, is providing \$5,000 in one-time, supplemental cash grants to employers across the US, with 3-20 employees in economically vulnerable communities. The grant application will go live on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm PT/3:00pm ET. To learn more and to see if your business qualifies, [please click here](#).
- **CARES Act. SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)**. This is the program that may be forgiven, if funds are used for payroll for 8 weeks (including paid sick, medical or family leave and group health benefits), rent, mortgage interest, and utilities, February 15, 2020 to June 30, 2020. This loan is through an SBA-approve bank. For additional details, [please click here](#).

News reports indicate that the SBA PPP program is out of funds. Check with your bank for possible next steps. Congress is discussing additional stimulus bills that may add funds to this program. According to 4/13 data, in Idaho, 8,846 loans were approved for a total of ~\$1.4B

- **CARES Act. SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance (EIDL).** This loan advance will provide up to \$10,000 of economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing temporary difficulties. This is also potentially forgivable. For information, [please click here](#).
- **CARES Act. SBA Express Bridge Loans.** This program allows small businesses who currently have a business relationship with an SBA Express Lender to access up to \$25,000 quickly. These loans can provide vital economic support to help overcome temporary loss of revenue. For information, [please click here](#).
- **CARES Act. SBA Debt Relief.** As part of the SBA debt relief efforts, 1) SBA will automatically pay the principal, interest, and fees of current 7(a) loans for a period of six months; 2) SBA will also automatically pay the principal, interest, and fees of **new** 7(a) loans issued prior to September 27, 2020
- **SBA Disaster Loans.** Small business owners are currently eligible to apply for a long-term, low-interest loan due to the COVID-19 pandemic For forms & instructions, [please click here](#).
- **Employer Tax Credits for Covid-19 Paid Leave.** Part of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). Employers with fewer than 500 employees may begin to use two new refundable payroll tax credits to obtain the cost of providing coronavirus-related leave to their employees. For published IRS and DOL Guidelines, [please click here](#) or through the IRS website, [please click here](#).
- **PACNI Revolving Loan.** The Panhandle Area Council of North Idaho is still processing loans. PACNI is also offering loan deferments if you have a current loan with them. For loan and contact information, [please click here](#).
- **CARES Act for Individuals.** Stimulus checks for individuals and families. An additional \$600/week on top of the base unemployment benefit for 4 months, plus 13 weeks over which claimants can receive benefits. The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program will provide help to self-employed people who lose work due to the pandemic (Details not released yet.).

- Coverage for COVID-19 testing and vaccine (if one becomes available) are also covered. The CARES Act also suspends the payments for federal student loans without an accumulation of interest through September 30. For a summary of the CARES Act, [please click here](#).
- **Unemployment Benefits.** If you've been laid off recently, Idaho Labor wants you to file for unemployment benefits as soon as possible. For details, [please click here](#). Idaho Labor also has an FAQ page, [please click here](#).
- **Main Street Lending Program.** The National Law Review has a [write-up](#) detailing the Federal Reserve's Main Street Lending Program. Small and medium businesses are eligible up to 10,000 employees or up to \$2.5B in revenue. This is NOT a forgivable loan. For additional information, [please click here](#).

## Sourcing, Supply Chain & Research

*Please **check the SWIMA link regularly**, they are continuously adding new sourcing information.*

- **Sourcing Request for Medical Equipment Production and Supplies.** If you have machinery and capacity, [please click here](#) to find out more or go to [www.swima.org](http://www.swima.org) for all known sourcing and products request.
- On a larger scale, the [National Association of Manufacturers](#) and [Business Roundtable](#) have joined forces **to address Critical Shortages**. To learn more and complete the survey sourcing capacity, [please click here](#).
- National Institute of Health (**NIH**) **3D Print Exchange**. To see designs for PPE and devices in support of the Covid-19 public health emergency, [please click here](#).
- Interested in **selling or donating medical supplies to FEMA?** To learn more on how you can help, [please click here](#).
- **GSA Looking for Vendors.** On behalf of FEMA, GSA is conducting market research to understand the capabilities related to bedding, hygiene, DME, office supplies, and facilities commodities related to the US Government COVID-19 pandemic response. To learn more, [please click here](#). [Visit their site to learn more](#).

Do you have extra  
PPE's or  
equipment?

Contact the  
Kootenai County  
Emergency  
Operations Center  
[eoclog@gmail.com](mailto:eoclog@gmail.com)

Their logistics team  
is handling  
coordinating  
supplies and other  
medical equipment.

- **US Army Corps of Engineers Looking for Vendors.** Vendors with the ability to perform or supply items 1, 2 and 3 below should send capabilities statements to COVID-19 Contracting mailbox at: COVIDContracting@usace.army.mil. To learn more, [please click here](#). And, follow these links for info on items:
  1. ["Build-out" or retrofit of existing space \(arenas, convention centers, dormitories, hotels, or other facilities\) into alternate care facilities](#)
  2. [Field Medical Units](#)
  3. [Temporary Medical Enclosures](#)
- To **sell medical supplies or equipment to the federal government**, please submit a price quote under the [COVID-19 PPE and Medical Supplies Request for Quotation](#). Full details can be found in the solicitation ([Notice ID 70FA2020R00000011](#)).
  - This solicitation requires registration with the 'System for Award Management' (SAM). For more information, [please click here](#).
- If you are interested in **doing business with FEMA and supporting the response to COVID-19** with your company's non-medical goods and/or services, please submit your inquiry to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Procurement Action Innovative Response Team (PAIR) team at [DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:DHSIndustryLiaison@hq.dhs.gov).
- HHS Announces **Ventilator Contract with GM** under Defense Production Act. To read about it, [please click here](#).
- HHS Announces **Ventilator Contract with Philips** under Defense Production Act. To read about it, [please click here](#).
- FEMA COVID-19 **Supply Chain Task Force**: Supply Chain Stabilization. Focuses on reducing medical supply chain capacity gap to satisfy and relieve demand pressures. To learn more, [please click here](#).
- **Idaho PPE Exchange (IPX)**. New website focused on connecting producers and those in need for small quantities. To learn more, [please click here](#).
- DOE announces up to **\$30M for Advanced Research in Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence Research** for scientific investigation and management of complex systems. To learn more, [please click here](#).
- Business Facilities COVID-19 FREE Webinar. **Rethinking the Global Supply Chain**. Monday, April 27, 2pm EST. To register and learn more, [please click here](#).

## Events & Employer Resources

**Virtual Town Hall.** North Idaho COVID-19 Business Leaders Call. Scheduled for Fridays at 2:00pm. For Zoom Meeting information and updates on the call, [please click here](#).

- The Idaho SBDC is hosting several teleconferences on **Capital Options for Idaho Businesses** through April. To find a date and time that fits your schedule, please [click here](#).
- **Idaho Tourism Virtual Coffee Talk** are being held Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. MDT, April 9 through April 30. Different speakers & topics each week. To register, please [click here](#).
- **Sample Forms and Communications for Employers**
  - [Employee Leave Request Form](#)
  - [Sample Employee Questionnaire](#)
  - [Sample Telecommuting Policy](#)
  - For additional sample forms, [please click here](#). Thank you, Murray Group for sharing these samples with our businesses.
- For additional business and employer guides, please see the following links:
  - [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)
  - [Information for Communities, Schools, and Businesses](#)
  - [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations – Community Facilities](#)
  - [Guidance for Preparing Workplaces for Coronavirus](#)
  - [OSHA Resources for Workers and Employers on COVID-19](#)
  - [Get Your Workplace Ready for COVID-19](#)
  - [Risk Management for COVID-19](#)
  - [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

### Building Tips From Avista



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Energy Saving Tips\_Closing Buildings

## Articles

- Articles that you might find useful:
  - **Modeling and Managing the Financial Impact of Covid-19** on your Business. Discusses assessing sales scenarios, direct cost structure, sales and overhead cost structure, along with compiling full P&L Scenarios and planning/prioritizing cost cuts. To learn more, [please click here](#).
  - **Minding Cybersecurity**. Discusses how the mass move to work from home creates openings for hackers. To learn more, [please click here](#). Call one of our local IT and cybersecurity companies, if you need help.

- **10 Ways for Small Businesses to weather the COVID-10 pandemic.** Discusses planning for change and ideas on how to and the various ways to communicate with your customers. To learn more, [please click here](#).
- **Top Four Survival Tips for Small Business Owners.** Discusses embracing uncertainty, taking care of your people, engaging with your customers and the community, and proactively identifying sources for financial support. To learn more, [please click here](#).
- **Adapting customer experience in the time of coronavirus.** Discusses how to address immediate customer needs, connecting with them where they are (online), building capacity for a changing environment, and preparing for the future. To learn more, [please click here](#).

## Have a Plan - Leadership

- **Create Connection & Provide Direction.**
  - As the leader: Help people feel connected to you and each other. Check-in frequently. Ask questions. Truly listen.
  - Design new rhythms. Set near-term and long-term goals. Establish revised expectations. Provide structure to provide comfort, focus and purpose.
- **Leading your team through uncertainty** with courage, communication, consistency, and compassion. To see the Express Employment Professionals article, [please click here](#).

## What You Can Do

- **Help Local Businesses**
  - Purchase a gift card or continue paying your membership
  - Engage online with your favorite businesses. Share posts.
  - Tip your service provider (i.e., hairdressers and nail technicians) in advance for future services.
  - Order takeout or delivery or treat your favorite first responder, and over tip. For a list of local restaurants (CdA Press), [please click here](#).
  - Plan a virtual coffee catch-up with friends, then take the money you would have spent and donate it to your favorite charity.
  - Ask a business owner how you can help. This kind gesture will go a long way.
- **Help Stop Coronavirus.**  
Stay Home. Stay 6-feet Away (if you must go out). Wash Your Hands. Cough into Elbows. Don't Touch Your Face.

# Other Resources

## Local Resources

- [Panhandle Health District Covid-19 Information](#)
- [Kootenai County Covid-19 Updates](#)
- [CDA Chamber Covid-19 Updates](#)
- [North Idaho Covid-19 Relief Fund](#)
- [Idaho Community Foundation](#)
- [Innovia Foundation](#)
- [United Way of North Idaho](#)

## State Resources

- [Governor's Office: Covid-19 Webpage](#)
- [Idaho Small Business Development Center \(SBDC\)](#)
- [Idaho Commerce, Covid-19 Resources](#)
- [Idaho Travel Advisories](#)
- [Idaho Unemployment Benefits](#)
- [Idaho TechHelp](#)

## National Resources

- [Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Employer Paid Leave Requirements](#)
- [CARES Act](#)
- [Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#)
- [US Department of Treasury Covid-19 Action](#)
- [IRS Coronavirus Tax Relief & Economic Impact Payments](#)
- [SBA Small Business Guide for Covid-19 Relief](#)
- [SBDC Small Business Covid-19 Resource Guide](#)
- [USDA Rural Development Covid-19 Measures](#)
- [FDIC Guide for Banking Institutions & Consumers](#)
- [JP Morgan Chase Philanthropic Grants](#)
- [NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership \(MEP\)](#)
- [US Chamber Coronavirus Small Business Survival Guide](#)
- [US Travel Association Covid-19 Resources](#)
- [US Senate Committee on Business & Entrepreneurship Paycheck Protection Program](#)
- [Senator Risch's Office: Guide for Navigating Covid-19 Resources](#)
- [IEDC \(International Economic Development Council\) Covid-19 Stimulus Bill](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

## Idaho Congressional Delegation:

### [US Senator Mike Crapo](#)

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## Joint Local & Regional Business Service Providers

[Coeur d'Alene](#), [Post Falls](#), [Hayden](#) & [Rathdrum](#) Chambers of Commerce

[NIC Venture Center](#) & [Workforce Training](#) \* [Avista Utilities](#) \* [Idaho SBDC-Cd'A Office](#)

[Panhandle Area Council of North Idaho](#) \* [Innovia Foundation](#) \* [United Way of North Idaho](#)

[Inland NW Partners](#) \* [Cd'A Area Economic Development Corporation/Jobs Plus, Inc.](#)