

COVID-19 RESOURCES – NORTH IDAHO

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Business & Community Leaders

Governor Little announced a phased approach to reopening our economy, beginning May 1 through June 26. "The plan will occur over four stages and sets forth specific criteria for Idaho to meet before moving into each of the four stages, as well as business protocols that must be followed for certain business to open up in the various stages." "It is a data-driven approach that reduces the risk of COVID-19 in Idaho's most vulnerable population while preserving capacity in our healthcare system." The program states that the key to the success of the first phase is to build "employee and consumer confidence" –that it's safe to return to the work environment and frequent our favorite stores, restaurants and other venues. We are still under a statewide stay-home order until April 30. The Governor will make an announcement next week about whether Idaho has met the criteria to enter the first stage of reopening.

Let's continue to 'stay the course' to save lives!

*New information titles are in bold, purple font.

Support Local

Gems **SLG is this**

Friday, 4/24 To learn more, [please click here](#) or here.

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

- **Idaho Rebounds: Our Path to Prosperity.**

On 4/23, Governor Little announced a 4-stage, phased approach to reopening the state, between May 1 & June 26, providing all criteria are met before progressing to the next phase. To view the details and phases, [please click here](#).

- **Idaho Primary Election** will be conducted **entirely by mail**. You need to request a ballot for this election, even if you're already registered to receive ballots by mail. To request your absentee ballot for the primaries, [please click here](#).
- **Federal Tax Day is July 15**: Treasury & IRS extended the filing deadline and tax payments. For information, please [click here](#).
- **Idaho Tax Day is June 15**, one month ahead of Federal tax filing. For information, please [click here](#).
- **Idaho Property Tax Reduction (Circuit Breaker)** application also extended to June 15th. For those who qualify, you may be able to reduce your property taxes. Applications are submitted to the Kootenai County Assessor's office. For additional details and information on qualifications, [please click here](#).
- **Crush the Curve Campaign** is led by a consortium of private businesses working towards testing for all essential workers. Please visit CrushTheCurve.com to take a simple assessment to see if you meet the criteria to schedule testing. This is a new roll-out, so please be patient with any delays.
- **Idaho Codes** is an online, self-paced, computer science course that teaches students in grades 7-12 how to build websites and develop HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. No prior coding is required. All students can access the curriculum. The course is \$200, but thanks to generous donations, the first 1,000 students can register for free. For more information, [please click here](#).
- **Surveys to Help us Help You.**
 - Ongoing **Idaho SBDC survey** since March 18th 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](#).
 - **Post Falls Chamber Members Survey**. Please take a moment to take the survey if you're a PF Chamber member. Your input is important. For the link to the survey, [please click here](#).
- These three wonderful **non-profit organizations are providing funding for the most vulnerable** in our region. To learn more about these resources, please check the following links:
 - [Idaho Community Foundation](#)
 - [Innovia Foundation](#)
 - [CDA Covid-19 Relief Fund](#)

Economic Relief

- **CARES Act. SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).** This is the program that may be forgiven, if funds are used for payroll for 8 weeks, rent, mortgage interest, and utilities, February 15, 2020 to June 30, 2020. This loan is through an SBA-approved bank. For additional details, [please click here](#). Additional funding for the PPP is being discussed in Congress and may be passed later in the day on 4/23. Stay in contact with your bank for the second round of funding.
- **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](#). An additional \$10B for EIDL advances and \$50B for loans has been proposed in the latest package from Congress. This is a direct application via the SBA website. So far, Idaho has 3,559 approved advance loans totaling \$15,394,000; and 72 approved loans, totaling \$14,875,600.
- **CARES Act. SBA Debt Relief.** SBA debt relief for existing loans, and loans approved prior to September 7, 2020. 1) SBA will automatically pay the principal, interest, and fees of current 7(a) loans for a period of six months.
Important deadlines were just released:
 - April 16th-Lenders may submit 1502 reports for 1112 loans
 - April 22nd-Lenders must submit 1502 reporting for April. Must ensure ACH payment is entered to receive April's payment, and submit by the 10th every subsequent month
 - April 30th-7a lenders will receive payment from SBA by this date
 - May 1st-504 lenders will receive payment from SBA by this date if payment due date was April 1st
 - September 27th-Last day to disburse a loan that will receive 6 months of payments
- **SBA information in Spanish,** [please click here](#).
- **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 20th, 12:00pm PT/3:00pm ET. To learn more and to see if your business qualifies, [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](#).
- **Additional State and Federal Programs.** For details and links on the following funding programs included in last week's BSP Info Sheet #4, Issued 4/17/2020, [please click here](#). You can also find copies of earlier Joint BSP Info Sheets in the same site.
 - CARES Act. SBA Express Bridge Loans
 - CARES Act. SBA Debt Relief for existing SBA loans
 - CARES Act for Individuals- stimulus checks
 - SBA Disaster Loans
 - PACNI Loan Deferrals
 - Employer Tax Credits for Covid-19 Paid Leave
 - Idaho Unemployment Benefits

Events & Services

Virtual Town Hall. North Idaho COVID-19 Business Leaders Call with different topics and speakers each week. Scheduled for Fridays at 2:00pm. For Zoom Meeting information and updates on the call, [please click here](#). To listen to previous calls, [please click here](#).

- The Idaho SBDC **Capital Options for Idaho Businesses** teleconferences/webinars are being held through April. To find a date and time that fits your schedule, please [click here](#).
- **Idaho Tourism Virtual Coffee Talks** are being held Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. MDT, April 9 through April 30. Different tourism speakers & topics each week. To register, please [click here](#).
- **CdA Chamber Virtual Upbeat Breakfast.** In case you missed, listen to Lora Whalen, Panhandle Health District; Sheriff Wolfinger, Federal Disaster Coordinator; and Mark Tucker, United Way, present on the state of our region related to Covid-19. To learn more, [please click here](#).
- **Hayden Chamber Virtual Breakfast.** In case you missed it, listen to Dr. Stephen Cook, Superintendent of Coeur d'Alene School District #271, present on the Education Outlook. To learn more, [please click here](#).

Employer Resources

With the proposed phased reopening of our economy, we put together some resources to help you develop a plan to create a safe work environment. Find the elements that fit your business, 'mix & match' the ideas, and develop a plan. As the Governor highlighted, a key element to the success of phase one is to instill confidence in our workforce and the public that it's safe to go back to work and visit our favorite places. (These samples are available as a word doc -"Sample Guidelines 42420- [here](#).)

- **Reopening your Business & Creating a Safe Work Environment – Suggested Checklist #1**

Source: Impact Washington (www.impactwashington.org)

- Assess and implement a safe workplace/return to work environment (See next page for ideas on how to create and maintain a safe work environment)
- Reassess and relax HR guidelines to account for the pandemic, and potential absences due to the pandemic. Consult with HR services, legal counsel, and tax advisors to ensure that you're meeting state and federal guidelines; and that you're utilizing tax break allowances.
- Ensure technology resilience and cybersecurity
- Obtain financial assistance, recovery loans and grants, if you haven't already done so. The suggestion is to contact your banker, suppliers, and facility owner to see if you can get a 30 to 90-day payment delay, without penalties.
- Update your business disaster preparedness
- Develop your supply chain contingency plan. For a sample "Supply Chain Disruption" document to help you address and plan for your needs, see last page of this document.
- Retool machinery, methods, workforce approaches
 - Look for new opportunities in supplying medical equipment parts and PPE's.
 - Look for new opportunities in other markets (i.e., supply to a different industry or find overseas markets).
 - Look for new opportunities to partner within your industry for "workforce sharing" for specialized teams or general workforce
 - Look for new opportunities for cooperative industry purchasing for supplies and/or joint bidding capacities
- Consider automation solutions or partnering with someone that has excess capacity
- Prepare to onboard and upskill new and returning employees quickly. (Note: Review NIC's list of workforce training programs for partnership possibilities. To learn more, [please click here](#).)

- **Ideas to consider to maintain a safe work environment.**

Source: Tips for Manufacturers, www.ogletree.com; OSHA Guidelines, 10-steps

- Plan for safety training sessions –safe work environment protocols; and disseminate and post the guidelines
- Encourage workers to stay home if they're sick. (This is more likely to happen if employees are confident they won't lose work and wages under an internal program that relaxes PTO limits for illness related to COVID-19)
- Identify Covid-19 in the workforce quickly
 - Identify high-risk employees, and separate from the workforce immediately: 1) train supervisors to spot Covid-19 signs; 2) conduct daily temperature checks and high-risk activity questionnaires (e.g., travel, contact with high-risk individuals, etc. 4) self-identify (As above, this is also more likely to happen if the employee is confident they won't lose work and wages.) Check with legal counsel to ensure that you're not violating individual rights, health protocols and other labor laws.
- Prohibit nonessential visitors to the factory
- Rigorously screen essential visitors and limit their movement in the facility
- Train employees on self-responsibility behaviors (refresh the training regularly), including:
 - respiratory etiquette (cough & sneeze into elbows or cover with scarves and masks)
 - proper handwashing (20 seconds)
 - frequent use of hand sanitizers & wipes (provide as supplies become available)
 - refraining from physical contact (provide suggestions on how to greet each other without physical contact)
 - prohibiting the sharing of utensils, cups, beverages, etc.
 - social distancing (6-feet apart, mark the floor with tape)
- Post reminder signs of these behaviors in many conspicuous locations in the workplace (i.e., bathrooms, breakrooms, locker rooms, etc.)
- Make changes to implement social distancing, such as:
 - educating employees on keeping minimum distances and refraining from physical contact (mark the floor, if needed at 6-foot intervals)
 - discontinuing the use of large group, "town hall" type meetings; convert to a virtual setting, if possible, or hold in a large space that allows for social distancing
 - replicating meetings multiple times to have smaller groups attend, and physically spacing people out in meeting rooms

- eliminating routine shift hand-off meetings that are not critical, or limiting these to just particular persons as critically needed
- staggering shift start/stop times, break times, and lunchtimes to minimize congregations at the time clocks and in locker rooms and break areas
- creating new shifts (nights or weekends) to help separate the workforce and give employees scheduling options that may help them manage new family obligations with children home from school
- zoning the factory and prohibiting employees from wandering into zones where they do not need to be to perform their jobs
- rearranging furniture in the lobby, break rooms and other gathering places to allow for social distancing guidelines
- adjusting plant and equipment layout (as much as possible) to allow for social distancing guidelines
- eliminating common food & drink areas temporarily through the pandemic to minimize the transfer of germs
- Stagger crews so that an outbreak can perhaps be better isolated such that, after cleaning, the factory can run with unaffected crews
 - Example: Monday through Wednesday crews; Thursday through Saturday crews; cleanings to be performed on Sundays
- Identify key personnel without whom the factory cannot operate (e.g., boiler operators, wastewater treatment engineers, lead electricians or maintenance mechanics, etc.)
 - Creating schedules, procedures, and any other steps to isolate these personnel from each other and the rest of the workforce to try to minimize exposures
- Beef up cross-training, if that can be done with acceptable distancing, to prepare for more absences
- Increase the frequency and depth of sanitizing efforts, and letting employees see them happen to reinforce sanitizing behaviors and engender confidence in the safety of the workplace. Examples might include:
 - having break rooms cleaned repeatedly all day (perhaps after each lunch group)
 - providing sanitary wipes throughout the facility and training employees on using them constantly to clean high-touch surfaces
- To view the original article, [please click here](#).
- To view the CDC Corona Fact Sheet about how it spreads and how to protect yourself, [please click here](#).

- **OSHA's Ten Steps to Reduce Exposure to Coronavirus for a Safe Work Environment**

1. Encourage workers to stay home if sick (and separate sick employees from the rest asap)
2. Encourage respiratory etiquette
3. Provide a place to wash hands or alcohol-based hand rubs (Emphasize hand hygiene)
4. Limit worksite access to only essential workers
5. Establish flexible worksite (e.g. work from home) or flexible work hours (e.g. staggered shifts), if possible
6. Discourage workers from using other worker's phone, desk, work tools, and other equipment
7. Regularly clean and disinfect surfaces, equipment, and other elements of the work environment
8. Use EPA-approved cleaning chemicals for COVID-19
9. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for use of all cleaning and disinfectant products
10. Encourage workers to report any safety and health concerns

OSHA also recommends the following:

- Educate employees on the signs and symptoms of Covid-19 and the rules above to minimize contracting the disease
- Appoint a single individual or department for Covid-19 questions
- Review safety programs and emergency action plans to ensure they include infectious-disease protocols
- Implement travel guidelines and procedures
- To see the OSHA 10-Step Guidelines poster, [please click here](#).
- To view the CDC Coronavirus Fact Sheet about how it spreads and how to prevent transmission, [please click here](#).

- **Reopening & Operating Your Business with a Safe Work Environment – Suggested Checklist #2**

Source: A local existing business, information has been modified to be more generic

- Form a high-level task force consisting of key executives and department heads to establish consistent communications with office personal (in state, out of state, in office workers, subcontractors, vendors, customers, etc.)
- Assign a lead person to the task force, the HR Director may be a good choice
- Meet as needed (2X a day at first), decreasing the number of meetings as needs are established.

- Monitor communications from local, state, federal agencies, including regulatory agencies that apply to your industry or business (OSHA, USDA, NIH, DOT, etc., etc.), as well as regional and national organizations related to your businesses and industry. This will enable you to react immediately to changing guidelines and government mandates that will affect your business/industry.
- Check with insurance providers (including health insurance providers) and legal counsel to determine coverage for the company and employees, as well as guidance on compliance with the multiple local, state, and federal Covid-19 related mandates and regulations
- Check with financial institutions regarding relief from business loans, etc.
- Assign someone from the company or retain a vendor that will handle your public relations communications with employees, vendors, and customers.
- Utilize social media to communicate with employees to recognize and boost morale. Collect media clips, praise employees for work well done, post to social media accounts.
- If you hire on a rolling basis ... Adapt 'new hire' training programs to meet social distancing guidelines –compress orientation and training processes to reduce the number of employees on site.
- Additional key issues to take care of your employees
 - Have department heads identify individuals with childcare issues due to mandatory school closings. Accommodations should be made to permit individuals with a childcare hardship to continue to temporarily work from home.
 - Have department heads identify individuals that are considered "high risk" to contract the virus. Accommodations should be made to permit "high risk" individuals to continue to temporarily work from home.
 - If still needed, ensure your IT department or subcontractor can secure enough equipment and can install the appropriate software (including cybersecurity), as well as develop step-by-step instructions that enable employees to effectively and efficiently work from home. In some instances, office desktops were brought home and installed in "home offices."

- If not already done, accelerate the installation of new phone systems, server systems and any other technology to provide seamless communications between off-site employees, on-site employees, vendors, and customers.
- Social distancing practices were established for on-site employees. Examples of actions to take:
 - 1) Office space and orientation rooms were appropriately cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis.
 - 2) As supplies became available, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes and masks were provided to all employees.
 - 3) Sanitize equipment and machinery after each shift change.
- Continue to monitor the processes, and make changes as needed. Changes are happening quickly, ensure that you monitor the processes regularly.
- **Other Resources to help you develop guidelines for a safe work environment**
 - OSHA Publications: [Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#). A brief on the contents of the 35-page guide, can be found [here](#).
 - Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA): [Key OSHA standards for COVID-19](#)
 - US Chamber of Commerce Foundation: [Workplace Tips for Employees](#)
 - [Emergency Prevention Measures for Physical \(Social\) Distancing in Food Manufacturing Facilities as Related to COVID-19 \(updated March 26, 2020: Source: Food Northwest\)](#)
 - CDC Safety Video to Stop the Spread of Coronavirus in Construction Zones can be found [here](#) and another [here](#).
 - U. S. Department of Labor - [COVID-19 and The American Workplace](#). The Site contains:
 - [Temporary Rule](#): Paid Leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act
 - Fact Sheets: Families First Coronavirus Response Act – Employee: [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
 - Fact Sheets: Families First Coronavirus Response Act – Employer: [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
 - Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA or Act): Posters: [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

- **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](#)

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 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](#).
- **Idaho PPE Exchange (IPX)**. New site focused on connecting producers and those in need for small quantities. To learn more, [please click here](#).
- **Idaho TechHelp** has a ton of resources for Idaho manufacturers on their website. To learn more, [please click here](#).
- **Listing of other agencies looking for vendors and suppliers.** To see last week's list of that includes FEMA, NIH, and others, [please click here](#). (This links you to BSP Joint Info Sheet #4, Issued 4/17/2020)

What You Can Do

- **CDA Curbside Pickup.** To learn more, [please click here.](#)
 - 1) Choose a restaurant and place your order;
 - 2) Arrive at your location and park curbside;
 - 3) Call to inform staff that you're there and to let them know you want it delivered in the trunk, back seat or wherever; and,
 - 4) Your order will be delivered to your car while maintaining standard sanitary and social distancing procedures.
- **Support Local Gems.** On Friday, April 24, Senator Jim Risch and the Idaho Department of Commerce invite Idahoans to Support Local Gems -- the small businesses in their communities -- by shopping online, purchasing gift cards, ordering food via take-out or delivery, writing an online review, posting a supportive message for their favorite businesses on social media, or just saying thank you to a business in their community. The statewide SLG public awareness campaign kicked off Monday and will continue beyond the 24th. We can each do our part to help support our community businesses when they need it the most. To learn more, [please click here.](#)
- **Health Heroes Fund** will help with Kootenai Health and its employees during this challenging time. Some of these needs include: additional supplies, staffing hours and purchasing specialized equipment --including the "storm trooper helmets" which cost \$1,000 each. We only have 26 of these helmets at KH. According to Trevor Bober, Director of Supply Chain Operations, "Our biggest challenge is the unknown. Not knowing what will happen next, and then trying to fill that gap." To donate to this fund, [please click here.](#)
- **Homemade masks.** A big **Thank You** to those who have already generously donated. Masks are still needed by both Kootenai Health Foundation (whose aim is to provide each staff member two homemade masks and the Kroc Center (who donates mask to local nursing care and assisted living facility centers). To learn more about how you can help, please call the [KH Foundation at \(208\) 625-4438](#) or email foundation@kh.org or call the Kroc Center at (208) 667-1865.

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 \(CDC\)](#)

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Supply Chain Disruption Planning

Source: Impact Washington (www.impactwashington.org). March 5, 2020

If your supply chain is already impacted

- Consider short-term and long-term impacts when making decisions (your ability to make sales, impacts on production schedule, staffing, etc.)
- Realize alternative suppliers are probably getting similar requests from other companies and have capacity limits and/or higher prices
- Contact Idaho CdAEDC, Idaho TechHelp, SWIMA to see if we're aware of any alternative suppliers in Idaho, in the region, overseas or through the Manufacturers Extension Partnership National Network

If you suspect there may be disruptions in your supply chain

- Contact your suppliers, carriers, forwarders, and brokers immediately to confirm
- If possible, build inventories of your short raw materials and secure production and transport capacity from your supply chain partners
- Identify a resource at your company to monitor the crisis and potential impacts to your supply chain
- Start sourcing alternative suppliers, as needed.
- Contact Idaho CdAEDC, Idaho TechHelp, SWIMA to see if we're aware of any alternative suppliers in Idaho, in the region, overseas, or through the Manufacturers Extension Partnership National Network

Preparing for the next disruption

- Conduct a Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) analysis to revisit overseas sourcing
- Conduct a risk assessment of your supply chain and implement changes to handle risks
- Consider dual sourcing (locally and overseas) for critical components
- Have a disaster response plan in place
- Have a process to monitor global events to identify potential supply chain disruptions early, including potential transport & logistics issues.

Other Considerations

- Communication is key –talk to your customers, suppliers, carriers, forwarders, and brokers about potential supply chain disruptions, and how you can work together to mitigate issues
- Remember that the impacts vary across the global supply chain, so local suppliers can also be affected based on their sources of supply
- Travel and workforce issues overseas can impact your local supply chain
- Remember that you face competition for global product and transport resources.