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Latah County Emergency Operations Center update regarding Coronavirus/COVID-19: Reminder to Cease Gatherings of Any Form.

Please help us keep Latah County healthy by following state and local guidance for self-isolating and not gathering in groups of any form.

Because many gatherings are continuing to occur throughout Latah County, the Emergency Operations Center for Latah County is strongly discouraging anyone from holding or attending any in person gatherings. Governor Little's Order specifically directs that "(a)ll 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."

We are asking you to care and remind everyone that we have a deep personal responsibility to take actions to reduce the spread of this disease. Everyone has a duty to their family, friends, and community to not gather.

A single infected person, who may not know they are infected can, in turn, infect as many people as they come in contact with. In other parts of the country and world, large gatherings have spurred widespread community transmission.

There are already 2 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Latah County, 12 in Whitman County, and 15 in Nez Perce County with 2 deaths. Testing is limited in rural areas, so there are likely many more unconfirmed cases. Nearly 12,000 people have died of this in the US alone. Unlike the flu, there are no legitimate treatments for this disease. Nearly 400,000 people have documented cases of COVID-19 and many of those have had to be hospitalized.

In addition to barring gatherings of any kind, Governor Little has also mandated cessation of all non-essential travel. By gathering, or traveling to a gathering, we are not only breaking the law, but more importantly, we are putting our neighbors and friends at risk.

People are encouraged to use social media and on-line gathering software for congregating. Some options include:

- Facetime – Interactive video and audio. Good for 1:1 gatherings.
- Mixlr - audio and chat.
- Skype – audio and chat.

- Facebook LiveStream -video, audio and chat.
- Zoom - Interactive video, audio, chat. Ability to share documents. Main speaker or gallery view.
- WebEx - Interactive video, audio, chat. Ability to share documents. Main speaker or gallery view.
- Microsoft Teams - Interactive video, audio, chat. Document sharing.
- Google Hangouts Meet – Interactive video and audio.

Thank you to all of the citizens of Latah County for working together to keep each other safe during this time.

Stay home, stay healthy, stay happy!

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