# COVID-19 RESOURCES – NORTH IDAHO

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# **Business & Community Leaders**

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Idaho at Stage 4 until July 24<sup>th</sup>; schools to reopen. Idaho will remain in the final stage of the Idaho Rebounds plan for another two weeks, announced Gov. Brad Little in a July 9 press conference He also introduced the "Idaho Back to School Framework," which is the state's guidance for local officials on how to safety reopen and operate Idaho's public and charter schools for the 2020-2021 school year.

- Businesses and governmental agencies may continue to resume operations at physical locations in the state of Idaho.
- All businesses and governmental agencies should adhere to the physical distancing and sanitation requirements.
- Vulnerable individuals living in the state of Idaho may resume public interactions but should take precautionary measures.
- Gatherings of any size are allowed but should adhere to the physical distancing and sanitation requirements.
- Non-essential travel can resume.
- The state will allow groups of more than 50 people to gather "where appropriate physical distancing" can happen.
- Large venues, such as sports stadiums and arenas, can reopen, and nightclubs may reopen with standingroom capacity.
- Employers can resume unrestricted staffing but should continue to practice physical distancing and good sanitation policies. Special accommodations should still be made for employees who are at a high risk for coronavirus complications.
- Visits to **senior living facilities** and congregate facilities, such as jails and prisons, may occur now.

### Census 2020

July 1 - Sept 3: Census takers will work with administrators at colleges, senior centers, prisons, and other facilities that house large groups of people to make sure everyone is counted. 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.

As operations resume in Idaho, we are focusing on areas that do not receive mail at their home residence. These include homes that only receive mail at a PO Box. Residences that do not receive mail at their physical address are referred to as Update Leave (UL) areas. Click here for a map of Update Leave areas.

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## Need to Know

printed material.

- EIDL Grant Advance Program for Small Businesses is Out of Money
  While SBA is still accepting COVID-19 related Economic Injury
  Disaster Loans the grant/advance component has hit its budge
  limit. Read here
- Governor Brad Little's July 9th LIVE Press Conference on Idaho's K-12 Reopening Plan and Idaho Rebounds <u>Click here</u>
- SBA Releases PPP Loan Details Monday, July 6, 2020 the SBA publicly released data on all existing PPP loans <u>Click here</u>
- Idaho will remain at Stage Four for now to slow COVID-19 cases. Every two weeks: re-evaluation against criteria to determine feasibility to move from one stage to the next. All criteria must be met to move stages and dates are estimated targets. Click here
- Governor Brad Little News Release: More details available on Return to Work bonuses Click here
- SBA and Treasury Announce New EZ Forgiveness Applications for the Paycheck Protection Program Click here
- Call for Action: Support Local Gems Campaign
   With the severe impact of COVID-19 on Idaho small businesses, it
   is more important than ever before to support the shops,
   restaurants and other establishments that play a critical role in our
   communities and state economy. Click here
- STEM Grant Provides PPE Accessories

  The Idaho Stem Action Center granted the Community Library

  Network \$500 to support its efforts in providing personal protection
  equipment (PPE) assistance to the community. Funds are used to
  purchase the plastic cording, called filament, used to create 3D-
- Consumer sentiment is evolving as world begins to open As restrictions lift and pockets of spending return, consumer behavior begins to adapt to the next normal Click here
- Governor announces cash bonuses for people returning to work a new boost for people who are exiting unemployment for a new job: \$1,500 cash bonuses to full-time employees and \$750 to part-time employees who return to work. Click here
- Announcing the ONE Idaho Campaign to highlight the resilience and ingenuity of Idaho businesses and encouraging practices crucial to protecting our communities, workplaces and citizens while keeping our economy open. <u>Please click here</u>
- Senate Passes to extend Payroll Protection Program (PPP)
   Small-Business Loan Click here

#### **CDC Reopening Guidelines:** Click here.

- Idaho Rebounds: Our Path to Prosperity Click the link to see Stages of Reopening, Resources for Business and Advisory Committee Recommendations. Click here
- What you need to know (and do) to qualify for PPP loan forgiveness <u>Click here</u>
- SBA Releases New Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Report
  The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) released an updated
  Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Report detailing total data from
  both rounds of PPP funding through May 16.
- Gov. Little extends cash grants to self-employed
   Self-employed individuals economically impacted by COVID-19 now may be eligible to receive up to \$7,500 in cash support through the Idaho Rebound cash grants for small businesses.

   Apply for the Idaho Rebound cash grants at by clicking here
- Small businesses can access 30-day supply of PPE as state opens for Stage 2 of Idaho Rebounds plan Saturday Governor Brad Little announced today that small businesses have a new resource to access masks, gloves, and sanitizer as the state enters Stage 2 of the four-stage <u>Idaho Rebounds plan</u> to safely and responsibly open Idaho's economy.
  - Idaho small businesses can obtain a 30-day supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) for their employees and patrons by clicking here.
- Small Firms Report more success with second-round Paycheck
   Protection Program The second round of Paycheck Protection
   Program (PPP) funding to help small businesses affected by
   COVID-19 economic disruption is lasting longer and appears to be doing a better job of going to the people it's intended to help than the first round did.
- Gov. Brad Little announced on April 24 that he has created a
  public-private task force to design a COVID-19 testing strategy for
  Idaho. <u>Idaho forms COVID-19 coronavirus testing task force</u>
- Idaho Rebounds: Our Path to Prosperity.
   May 1, 2020, Idaho moves into the first phase of "Idaho Rebounds:

Our Path to Prosperity." To view the details of which businesses can reopen in this phase, <u>please click here</u>. For an easy-to-read matrix from the Sun Valley EDC, on what's allowed at each phase, <u>please click here</u>. (On the webpage, go to the right column, under "Additional Information."

- **Federal Tax Day is July 15**: Treasury & IRS extended the filing deadline and tax payments. For information, please <u>click here</u>.
- **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 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.
  - **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, <u>please click here</u>.
- These three wonderful non-profit organizations are providing funding for the most vulnerable in our region. To learn more about these programs and to donate, please check these links:
  - <u>Idaho Community Foundation</u>
  - Innovia Foundation
  - CDA Covid-19 Relief Fund

## **Economic Relief**

- Navigate Financial Impacts During COVID-19 The Employee
  Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) is a significant opportunity for many
  health care providers that have continued to pay wages and health
  plan expenses to employees through the COVID-19 pandemic.
  Read more here
- Breaking News Congress passes PPP loan program extension (P4 Act). House of Representatives passed the Prioritized Paycheck Protection Program Act (P4), extending the window for business owners to apply for PPP loans to August 8, 2020. In addition to the extension, P4 will decouple PPP from SBA's 7(a) lending program and allow some small business borrowers to apply for a second PPP loan.
- COVID-19 Webinar: Money to Small Business-Loans, Grants and CARES Act Funding <u>Click here</u>

- SBA Reopens EIDL and EIDL Advance Program To further meet the needs of U.S. small businesses and non-profits, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) reopened the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance program portal to all eligible applicants experiencing economic impacts due to COVID-19 Read more
- PPP Flexibility Flyer <u>Click here to print</u>
- Enactment of the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act
   This bill will provide businesses with more time and flexibility to
   keep their employees on the payroll and ensure their continued
   operations as we safely reopen our country. Click here
- Idaho Rebound Cash Grants for Self Employed please click here
- SBA Releases PPP Loan Forgiveness Application and Detailed Instructions

The SBA, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, released the <u>Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan</u> <u>Forgiveness Application</u> and detailed instructions for the application.

 Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP)- Farmers and Ranchers

Payment structure and how agricultural businesses can apply for assistance, please visit <u>here</u>

Idaho Rebound Cash Grants for Small Businesses

Idaho small businesses are the lifeblood of our communities and the backbone of our state's economy. In response to the required business closures of the COVID-19 outbreak, the State of Idaho will facilitate <a href="Idaho Rebound Cash Grants for Small">Idaho Rebound Cash Grants for Small</a> <a href="Businesses">Businesses</a> from Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) dollars. Funds will reimburse small businesses the costs of business interruption caused by required closures.

- Total Program: \$300 million (24% of total CRF award)
- Individual Business Grant: up to \$10,000
- More than 30,000 Idaho small businesses supported
- Subject to qualification
- Targeted to those small businesses that did not receive the Paycheck Protection Program or received less than \$10,000 through this program
- All individual grants will be reported on <u>Transparent.Idaho.Gov</u>
- 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-approve bank. For additional details, <u>please click here</u>. For an easy-to-understand power point summary of the CARES Act, Round 2, <u>please click here</u>. (On the webpage, right column, under "Additional Information."). Additional funding for the PPP was approved on 4/24. Continue to check with your banks on the status of your application
- 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 was approved on the latest bill. This is a direct application via the SBA website. Continue to check the website and your emails for the status of your application
- **CARES Act. SBA Debt Relief.** SBA debt relief for existing loans, and loans approved prior to September 27, 2020. 1) SBA will automatically pay the principal, interest, and fees of current 7(a) loans for a period of six months.
  - If interested in a new loan, check with PACNI or your SBAapproved bank for deadlines.
- Other SBA, USDA & RLF Loan Programs. Micro Loans from \$1,000 to \$25,000; IRP/USDA Loan Program; RLF Loan Program; SBA 504 Programs. Loan programs that existed prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, please click here.
- SBA information in Spanish, please click here.
- Save Small Business Fund, a grantmaking initiative funded by corporate and philanthropic partners, providing \$5,000 in onetime, supplemental cash grants to employers across the US, with 3-20 employees in economically vulnerable communities. Limited funds. To learn more, 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.
- Yelp's Covid-19 Response and Support for Local Businesses.
   Yelp announced \$25 million in relief, primarily focused on supporting independent local restaurant and nightlife businesses, in the form of waived advertising fees, and free advertising, products and services during a limited period. For additional information, please click here.
- Hagadone Media Group Grant. A grant program has been created built on matching advertising funds to assist locally owned

- businesses during these challenging times. The grant is available up to \$10,000 of matching advertising each month. <u>Restrictions apply</u>. For more details, <u>please click here</u>.
- **Business for All Grant.** Apply for grants up to \$50,000 to support business growth, including a \$10,000 emergency COVID-19 Business for All Grants to help small businesses in crisis. Funds are limited. For more details, <u>please click here</u>.
- 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
- Avista Assistance. If you're experiencing economic hardship due
  to the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic,
  Avista encourages you to contact their office at (800) 227-9187 to
  discuss how they can help, or you can also log in to your account
  to choose the best plan for you.

### InlandBizStrong, powered by Avista, launches May 1st

This is a business resource website for North Idaho & Eastern Washington. The website states:

"Our entire community is making extraordinary sacrifices to protect the most vulnerable among us. We want to do everything we can as local business advocates to ensure easy access to the resources your business needs at this difficult time."

Fill out the confidential questionnaire on the website to get to the resources unique to your business. For more information, please click here. Virtual Town Hall. North Idaho COVID-19 Business Leaders Call has been "Put on Pause" It's been a privilege to be able to host the North Idaho COVID-19 Business Leaders Call for the last 2 months on behalf of the community, as we collectively grappled with the stream of information related to COVID-19 at our local, state, and national level... Ryan Arnold

### **Events & Services**

- Learning Webinars... Accelerate Your Business No Matter What Is Going On in the World! How are you feeling during this time with your business? Do you need some help pivoting or moving forward? Feeling stuck? Register here
- Consumer Sentiment and Behavior Continue to Reflect the Uncertainty of the COVID-19 Crisis Read more here
- The Impact of Behavioral Drives in a Remote Workplace Get actionable tips for tailoring the way you motivate your remote employees based on their behavioral styles. Read more here
- Having A Winning Mindset During a Pandemic Register here
- Economic Update Report: Micro-Recession and Recovery Signals Across Industries Read here
- Webinar: The Great Reset #2 we'll explore themes and strategies to optimize our economic recovery and come out stronger than ever! Register here
- Check how to keep "Zoom-bombers" away from your virtual event You can learn about the best ways to keep your virtual events safe and secure Read more here
- How to Easily Increase Your Online Sales:
   Digitizing your business is one of the biggest opportunities to come out of this year. But how can you be successful online?

   Please read here
- COVID-19 Webinar: Preparing for the Next Wave of
  Investment Re-shoring and FDI This webinar will provide
  guidance from experts in site-selection, reshoring and FDI, and
  global business. Learn about how COVID-19 has changed the
  practices of re-shoring and FDI, and how to position their
  communities for new investment. Register here
- Paycheck Protection Program: A Focus on Forgiveness Register here
- Beyond the Buzzword: Building Lasting Connections Today and

- Tomorrow... Make sense of what today's landscape looks like Register here
- Managing Performance During a Crisis: Time for a Big Reset
  Register here
- Webinar: COVID-19 changed a lot about the world, including work culture. With many companies debating if or when they will return to a physical office setting, we will explore new trends in flex time and remote work. Register here
- Webinar: "Predicting the Post-COVID-19 World." To view an archived recording of the webinar, <u>Click here</u>
- Webinar: The Great Reset, Strategies & Data for Recovery <u>Click</u> here
- Webinar: Turning National Catastrophes Into Local
   Opportunity The best solution to strengthen existing local
   manufacturers and provide the good jobs needed for social and
   economic stability for companies, minorities, and displaced retail
   workers is to reshore manufacturing. Register
- E-Commerce and COVID-19: Find Ways to Improve Revenue Register here
- Tell Us Your Story: How has Your Community Responded To COVID-19? If your organization is going above and beyond to help its employees and/or the community at large during the COVID-19 crisis, let us know Click here
- Heart of Business: Big plans for getting small businesses back on their feet an opportunity for businesses to work together by buying from each other. Each business provides a special discount on their product or service. We'll collect and print these discounts and deliver them throughout our business communities by way of a "Welcome Back to Business" package. Please email here
- Expanding Youth Apprenticeship in Idaho learn how youth apprenticeship can be used to enhance a business' talent development pipeline and provide local youth with hands-on training and related instruction leading to industry-recognized credentials and a career. Register here
- How to pivot your engagement strategy for the times Whether
  your resources have been impacted or not, now's the best time to
  refine and improve upon your rules of engagement for both top
  talent and existing employees <u>Register here</u>
- Running a virtual event? Here's what NOT to do Organizers who
  have already held virtual events shared their mistakes and lessons.
   We thought they could be useful for you to avoid similar mistakes,
  especially some of them are quite surprising!

#### Click here

- Are you Open? Submit your business information to appear on a special page for everyone to see. <u>Register</u>
- Predicting the Post-COVID-19 World <u>Click here to register</u> for free webinar
- North Idaho Job Fair: June 25th <u>Email to Register</u>
- Paycheck Protection Program A Focus on Forgiveness: Speakers from Witherspoon Kelley's finance practice group, will focus on information recently released by the Small Business Administration on the loan forgiveness process. <u>Register</u>
- Apple is offering student-lead training for anyone working/learning from home. Please follow the link below to learn more. Click here
- Amazon Small Business Academy Upcoming Small Business Course for Your Members

This June, in partnership with Amazon, <u>NACCE</u> (National Association of Community College Entrepreneurship), and local organization <u>Tinderbox Marketing</u>, North Idaho College will be one of the first college's in the nation to be launching <u>Amazon Small Business Academy</u>. Amazon Small Business Academy was developed to help brick-and-mortar or product-based small businesses better utilize Amazon as a selling platform as part of their sales mix, and dives into how to get set up as an <u>Amazon Seller</u>, utilize tools such as <u>Fulfillment by Amazon</u>, and understand how to best utilize one of the world's largest E-Commerce platforms to expand their company. <u>Register here</u> or additional information can be found on Facebook.

# Compliance and Risk Management Considerations during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Excellent compliance & risk management resource as you adapt your business for COVID. Click here

<u>Back to Business Playbook: Compliance and Risk Management</u> Considerations during the COVID-19 Pandemic

• Submit your business information and we'll get it up on a special page for everyone to see.

A collaborative effort between the:

- The Coeur d'Alene Convention & Visitors Bureau
- the Coeur d'Alene Chamber,
- the CDA Downtown Association,
- and the Coeur d'Alene Press

We have created a page that will list your business name, phone number and website so that locals and future tourists will know who is open for business. SUBMIT YOUR BUSINESS INFORMATION

- Help Close the Digital Divide for Idaho
  - Let's ensure that every Idaho student has an equal opportunity to learn during this crisis. Idaho Business for Education's (IBE) Community Activation Project: One Idaho Every Student Matters is collecting devices and distributing laptops to students throughout the state to help them complete their schoolwork. Information available here.
- Hayden Chamber. In Case You Missed It Get Your Transfer Questions Answered

Recording available here.

Panelists from three schools answer questions about how and when to transfer. Learn about bachelor's degrees, paying for school and more.

- 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**

The following are links and resources for "Reopening your Business and Creating a Safe Work Environment" They range from a 10-point guide from OSHA to a comprehensive list of action items to keep your employees, suppliers, and customers safe. To download a Word version of the guidelines, <u>please click here</u>. (Look under "Additional Information" on the right column –Reopening and Safe Work Guidelines 04/24/2020.)

- Could Your Business or Nonprofit Use Some FREE PPE supplies? <u>Click here</u>
- Webinar: Best Practices of Running a Virtual Event Click
- COVID-19 Q&A Insights for Employers and Workplace Click here to read
- Navigating COVID-19 with Empathy Click here to read
- Purpose: Shifting from Why to How Click here to read
- Guarding your credit during times of COVID-19 coronavirus
   Click here to read
- Leaving the office: Keeping the conference room <u>Click here</u>

#### to read

- **COVID Related Templates for Businesses:** The toolkit has templates that a company can customize on things like visitor policies & logbooks, posters for the workplace, etc. <u>Click here</u>
- COVID Resource Page: Industry-specific guidance for reopening, return-to-work policy templates, government agency recommendations, HR/benefits FAQ's, news announcements and more. Click here
- Matching Marketing Grant: Funds can be used toward print or digital advertising <u>See here for details</u>
- Successful Reopening Preparation and Planning: <u>Please click</u>
   here
- Here are 6 resources----all around how to navigate this time with your teams: Share them with your team. Sit down and talk about how you'll use talent optimization to move past this storm and thrive.
  - [Guide] Surviving an Economic Downturn with Talent Optimization
  - 2. [Report] The 2020 State of Talent Optimization Report
  - 3. [Quiz] Do you need to realign your team?
  - 4. [E-Book] How to manage remote employees based on their behavioral type
  - 5. [Blog] 10 remote team building activities
  - 6. [Free Training] Take advantage of our personalized training for managing remote teams
- New Resource Center with COVID guidance: industry-specific guidance for re-opening, return-to-work policy templates, government agency recommendations, etc. <u>Click here</u>
- The Restart 8 Actions CEOS can take to ensure safe and successful relaunch: <u>Click here</u>
- Inland Biz Strong NOW INCLUDES NORTH IDAHO! Tailored resources specific to help businesses mitigate economic challenges due to COVID-19. This new digital tool helps determine which local, state, and federal programs are available based on information they select for their business. Access the tool online by following this <u>link</u>.
- Idaho Dept. of Health & Welfare. To support Idaho's workforce who need child care during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Idaho Child Care Emergency Grant is providing child care business owners with the means to open or reopen and continue operating. These funds can be used to cover eligible expenses incurred for

months open and providing childcare, during March 2020 through July 2020.

- Ideas to consider to maintain a safe work environment.
  - Source: Tips for Manufacturers, <u>www.ogletree.com</u>; OSHA Guidelines, 10-steps
  - To view the original article, <u>please click here</u>.
- OSHA's Ten Steps to Reduce Exposure to Coronavirus for a Safe Work Environment
  - To see the OSHA10-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

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

- To view this guideline, <u>please click here</u>. On the right column, click "Reopening and Safe Work Guidelines."
- Other Resources to help you develop guidelines for a safe work environment
  - OSHA Publications: <u>Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19</u>.
  - National Restaurant Association Reopening Guidance
  - National Retail Federation Operation Open Doors
  - National Association of Home Builders Job-site Safety and Record-keeping Guidance
  - Recommended Guidance for Businesses
  - Guidance for Childcare Providers
  - Wynn Las Vegas Health & Sanitation Program
  - OSHA: Key OSHA standards for COVID-19
  - US Chamber of Commerce Foundation: <u>Workplace Tips for Employees</u>
  - 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:
    - <u>Temporary Rule:</u> Paid Leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act
    - Fact Sheets: FFCRA- Employee: English and Spanish
    - Fact Sheets: FFCRA- 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.

- Webinar that discusses the expanded tuition benefits under the CARES Act and how it has impacted employers and employees alike. To see the webinar, <u>please click here</u>. To get a copy of the slide deck, <u>please click here</u>. Thank you, Advanced Benefits for sharing these links.
- Employment Law Alerts related to COVID-19 for March 30, 2020 to April 15, 2020. This link consolidates and highlights key federal, state, and local updates impacting our businesses. For more information, please click here. Thank you, Witherspoon Kelley for sharing this information.
- For additional business and employer guides, please see the following links:
  - Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers
  - Information for Communities, Schools, and Businesses
  - <u>Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations</u> –
     <u>Community Facilities</u>
  - <u>Guidance for Preparing Workplaces for Coronavirus</u>
  - OHSA 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 <u>National Association of Manufacturers</u> and <u>Business Roundtable</u> have joined forces to address Critical Shortages. To learn more and complete the survey sourcing capacity, <u>please click here</u>.
- 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** is a part of the National Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP). They can assist manufacturers with most business operations and workforce needs, including product design and development, food manufacturing & safety, plant operational issues, business continuity, supply chain issues, and supplier scouting/matchmaking. They encourage you to call them for assistance. 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, <u>please</u> <u>click here</u>. (This links you to BSP Joint Info Sheet #4, Issued 4/17/2020)

### Articles & Videos

- Governor Little Press Conference regarding Idaho Rebounds: Stage 1: Press Conference available here.
- **Idaho Economic Forecast:** attached is complete forecast report and link can be found here.
- Measuring Economic Development Impact and Storytelling -Best Practices to Gain Grant Dollars.
- Economic developers are so focused on improving their communities that reporting and measurement often get lost in the shuffle. On Friday, we'll learn how to build a narrative on your efforts and win more grant dollars. Registration available here.
- Guide to Conquering A Business Crisis. Discusses Cash
  Management, Pricing and Cost Containment, Supply Chain
  Management, and Marketing. Idaho SBDC. To see the guide, <u>please</u>
  <u>click here</u>. (Right column, under "Additional Resources.")
- How to Lead When Nobody has a Map. By Sam Walker, Wall Street Journal. April 25, 2020. To read the article, please click here. (Right column, under "Additional Resources.")
- **Crisis Management for Leaders.** A Five-Part Video Series. From the Harvard Business School. To see the series, <u>please click here</u>.
- Cross Border Restrictions and Economic Stability: Issues in the Pandemic. Covers issues on International Trade, Customs and Tax; US Immigration; and Understanding the State of the Cross-Border Region. Webinar Summary from PNWER (Pacific NW Economic Region). April 2020. To see the summary, please click here.
- Rapidly forecasting demand and adapting commercial plans in a pandemic. Source: McKinsey Reports. April 2020. To read the

article, <u>please click here</u>. (Right column, under "Additional Resources."

### 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 are 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.** Please continue to support this program to preserve the small businesses in our communities. You can help 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. 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 <a href="mailto:foundation@kh.org">foundation@kh.org</a> 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

- <u>Idaho Community Foundation</u>
- Innovia Foundation
- <u>United Way of North Idaho</u>

#### **State Resources**

- Governor's Office: Covid-19 Webpage
- <u>Idaho Small Business Development Center</u> (SBDC)
- Idaho Commerce, Covid-19 Resources
- Idaho Travel Advisories
- <u>Idaho Unemployment Benefits</u>
- Idaho TechHelp

#### **National Resources**

- <u>Families First Coronavirus Response Act:</u>
   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
- <u>JP Morgan Chase Philanthropic Grants</u>
- NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP)
- US Chamber Coronavirus Small Business Survival Guide
- US Travel Association Covid-19 Resources
- <u>US Senate Committee on Business & Entrepreneurship Paycheck</u> <u>Protection Program</u>
- Senator Risch's Office: Guide for Navigating Covid-19 Resources
- <u>IEDC (International Economic Development Council) Covid-19</u>
   <u>Stimulus Bill</u>
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

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