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Local Governments Work Together for Public Safety

Mayor Burke Deems Precautionary Measures Best

(Hailey, Idaho) – Idaho Governor Little’s emergency declaration on Friday, followed by the report of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Idaho, including within Blaine County, appears to have spurred a rush on local grocery stores. The declaration is a method allowed under law that gives governments more latitude to enter contracts, and to spend and receive funds related to the emergency. It also prevents price-gauging, with criminal penalties against those trying to unfairly profit from an emergency.

Hailey Mayor Martha Burke says, “I want to reassure our community that the precautionary steps being taken by the City of Hailey, Blaine County School District and local governments should not increase alarm. They are the right steps to take with the knowledge we have from monitoring COVID-19 activity globally and in other states. Much has been learned from the solutions and efforts made in other areas. The steps taken within Idaho and Blaine County should assure us that common sense and proper protocols are present in the interest of public health and safety. These actions should not create panic and alarm. The emergency declaration indicates that state and local government agencies are working together for the good of the public, individually and collectively.”

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