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State of Idaho Stay Home Order In Effect in Hailey Guidance for Businesses Offered through State Website & Hotlines

(Hailey ID) With City and County Isolation Orders no longer in place locally, businesses must now follow the State Stay Home Order. That Order is in place through April 30, 2020. A State website provides good information about the Order, including FAQ's, lists of Essential Businesses, lists of businesses that remain ineligible to operate, and a form by which a business can request to become an essential business. **Most of these documents are currently not posted in Spanish, but the State offers a Spanish hotline at 1-888-330-3010. Si necesita responder sus preguntas en español, llame al número de teléfono de la línea directa del estado de Idaho:1-888-330-3010.**

The City of Hailey is responding to many phone calls from businesses, and has delivered posters to construction jobsites all over town, along with the guiding documents adopted last week by the Hailey City Council. These documents may be a very helpful tool for other types of business to use to establish safe-work protocol for their operations.

Nail salons, gyms, bars and dine-in restaurants must still remain closed. Although local jurisdictions can establish regulations more restrictive than the State Order, cities and counties have no authority to allow more lenient rules than the State. Within the State documents information includes:

From the FAQ's

What's closed?

Dine-in restaurants

Bars and nightclubs

Entertainment venues

Gyms and fitness studios

Public events and gatherings

Convention centers and entertainment venues

Hair and nail salons

These facilities are closed indefinitely because people simply cannot safely social-distance. Any changes will be communicated by the Governor.

Non-essential businesses other than those listed above may operate curbside. The State's FAQ's give detail, including:

In addition, between April 15 and April 30, any business, facility or service can offer curbside operate via curbside services, drive-in, drive-through pickup, mailed services or delivery services.

Governor Little also said “non-essential” businesses should prepare to reopen after April 30 as long as they prepare operational plans over the next two weeks to maintain social distancing for staff and patrons; provide adequate sanitation and protective coverings for employees, vendors, and patrons; offer curbside and pickup delivery; limit number of people in business at a time; and direct flow of people in the operation. Additional criteria for opening will be posted to this web site when it is available.

This excludes some “non-essential” businesses where people simply cannot safely social distance, such as nightclubs, bars, and restaurants for dine-in; indoor gyms and recreational facilities; hair and nail salons; convention and entertainment centers; and public events and gatherings.

The State provides a form by which a business can make request of the State to operate. That form is attached here: <https://publicforms.dhw.idaho.gov/.../request-designation-as-...>

Under the State Order, essential services, as well as travel and lodging related to essential services, is allowed. All business and activity, whether essential, non-essential curbside, or recreation, must be conducted under the minimal social distancing requirements described in the State Order, which includes

- maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals,
- washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer,
- covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands),
- regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) also recommends that people wear cloth masks to cover their nose and mouth while conduction essential business and activity.

The State FAQ’s also address travel for recreation, with the question: *Can I drive to a mountain town like McCall or Stanley? There aren’t many people in those communities, so social distancing should be easier.*

The answer provided: *Generally, no. The point of the order is to keep people home and slow the spread of COVID-19. All non-essential travel must be avoided. Please stay home so you don’t overwhelm the limited resources in small towns and communities who are also staying home to slow the spread.*

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