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As of March 15, 2020, there were five confirmed cases of coronavirus in Idaho. All in southern Idaho. As testing becomes available, we expect confirmed cases to begin appearing here.

The Latah County Board of County Commissioners has developed the following plan for dealing with this medical emergency. Since new information is received hourly, **THIS PLAN IS SUBJECT TO REVISION AT ANY TIME.**

COMMUNICATION:

Today we declared a state of emergency until further notice, resolution 2020-04. All communication regarding changes in Latah County operations will come directly from the Latah County Board of County Commissioners and will be assessed and handled here at the local level.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

This is our current state of operations. We will continue at this stage of operations until we can no longer continue.

Effective IMMEDIATELY: Anyone who is symptomatic (coughing, fever, body aches, chills, sneezing, etc.) must not enter county facilities. If experiencing a fever, the patron shall not enter the building until at least 24 hours *after the temperature returns to normal.*

Do not enter a county building if returning from a country designated high risk or if you have been personally exposed to someone whom has tested positive for COVID-19.

Effective IMMEDIATELY: Please conduct as much business as possible via electronic means. The public may access most County services by utilizing our website, www.latah.id.us, calling 208-882-8580 or finding specific department numbers, email and contact information on the website. For payments, all are encouraged to use the drop-box in the Courthouse parking lot.

Effective IMMEDIATELY: Utilize universal precautions. Wash your hands prior to and following interaction at any counter. Cover your sneeze or cough. Respect a six foot social distance.

We are asking for the cooperation of all Latah County residents to keep all public places healthy and safe.