



Bonner County

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MEDIA RELEASE

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Bonner County Coronavirus Response Employees and Operations

March 20, 2020 – County Elected Officials have announced a reduction of staff and operations in relation to the spread of COVID-19 in our area. As of this morning there are no confirmed cases of the virus in Bonner County, although there are confirmed cases in the state. County officials also are taking an abundance of caution due to our proximity to Washington. Operations for March 23 – April 3, 2020 are as follows:

- **County Courts, Prosecutor’s Office and Public Defender’s Office will continue to operate, however it will be on a limited basis, and in accordance with recommendations from the Idaho State Supreme Court.**
- **Offices within the Administration Building at 1500 Hwy 2, Sandpoint, ID will vary with staff and Operations (see attachment) Building will be open**
- **Bonner County Fair Office is closed, but available via telephone 208-263-8414**
- **Bonner County EMS is Continuing Normal Operations**
- **Bonner County DMV (both locations) are closed with an extension from the State of Idaho in place, available via telephone 208-265-1430**
- **Bonner County Drivers Licensing is closed with an extension from the State of Idaho in place, available via telephone 208-265-1431**

- Bonner County Sheriff's Office is temporarily modifying some procedures and limiting certain services, please call for information 208-263-8417
- Bonner County Coroner is continuing operations as normal
- Bonner County Airports are continuing operations as normal
- Bonner County Solid Waste collection sites are continuing operations as normal
- Bonner County Justice Services are continuing operations as normal, please call should you have JS specific questions 208-263-1602
- Bonner County Road & Bridge will continue normal operations with limited staff

Concern for our employees and the citizens of Bonner County is of the utmost importance to us. We encourage anyone with questions to call the Panhandle Health District Coronavirus Information Line at (877) 415-5225, available Mon-Fri 9-5, or visit their website at <http://panhandlehealthdistrict.org/> for local updates. Other verified sources are the State of Idaho <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/> and the Centers for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

As always Bonner County Emergency Management is closely monitoring the situation and is working with external agencies in Bonner County on a daily basis.



Jessi Webster
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BONNER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING SERVICES

Solid Waste Administration Office – Office will be closed to public, available by phone 208-255-5681

Weeds – Office will be closed to public, operations continued, available by phone 208-255-5681

Procurement/Construction- Office will be closed to public, operations continued, available by phone 208-255-5681

Facilities - Office will be closed to public, operations continued, available by phone 208-255-5681

Road & Bridge Administration Office - Office will be closed to public, field operations continued, available by phone 208-255-5681

Recreation/Waterways - Office will be closed to public, operations continued, available by phone 208-255-5681

Elections – Staff will be available in the office, please call 208-255-3631

Assistance – Forms, drop box available in foyer, consults available upon request, please call 208-255-5291

Veteran's Services – Meetings by Appointment only, forms available in office foyer, please call 208-255-5291 x 1, email bryan.hult@bonnercountyid.gov

GIS – Please utilize online services, minimal staffing in office, phone support available 8-4 Monday – Friday for address/road issues, field work will continue, no cadastral support will be available until at least March 25, 2020.

Technology – Internal operations continuing as normal

Assessor's Office – Will be closed to the public, staff will be available via phone Monday – Thursday to answer questions. A drop box will be placed outside the Assessor's Office for documents that are timely.

Planning Department – Limited Staff, Open to public, however encouraging business to be done via phone, mail or by appointment, table with forms will be set up in hallway. All public hearings are cancelled through April 3, 2020, all Sub-Area meetings have been postponed until May.

Treasurer's Office – Closed to Public, payments can be made online, staff available via telephone 208-265-1433

Recording – Recording by appointment only Tues, Wed, Thurs from 1:00 – 4:30, available via phone 208-265-1490, Erecording available, Passport Services suspended temporarily

County Clerk/Auditing – Office closed to public, internal operations will continue to function, available via telephone 208-265-1437

Human Resources/Risk Management – Office closed to public, internal operations will continue to function. Risk Management by appointment only 208-255-3630 ext 1326

Bonner County Commissioner's Office – Office closed to public, available via telephone 208-265-1438