

HR Tracker, ¶46,789, Idaho governor issues stateside stay home order — STATE LAW, (Mar. 30, 2020)

Following the guidance of Idaho's public health experts, Governor Brad Little on March 25, 2020, issued a statewide stay-home order for all Idahoans. He also signed an extreme emergency declaration, which allows the state to more effectively increase health care capacity, take steps to reduce and slow coronavirus spread, and take rapid and decisive steps to improve the condition of Idahoans whose job and incomes are being harmed by the pandemic.

The stay-home order requires citizens to self-isolate at home if you can, not just if you are sick. This excludes healthcare, public safety and other essential workers as defined in the order. If you are high-risk, avoid leaving home. People can leave home to obtain or provide essential services as defined in the order.

Employers that do not provide essential services as defined in order must take all steps necessary for employees to work remotely from home. A list of "essential services" can also be found here.

Grocery stores, medical facilities, and other essential businesses as defined in the order will remain open. Restaurants across the state are being ordered to close dine-in but drive-thru, pick up, and delivery will still be available.

Non-essential businesses and services will close their physical locations. This includes bars, nightclubs, gyms, recreational facilities, entertainment venues, convention centers, hair and nail salons, and others not included in the "essential" category as defined in the order.

People must limit public transit unless to provide or obtain essential services. People must limit all discretionary travel. People must limit all non-essential gatherings of any number of individuals outside the household. When you go for a walk, run, bike ride, or other outdoor recreation near your home, stay 6-feet away from individuals who are not part of your household.

"Our healthcare and public safety workers are putting themselves in harm's way to respond to the coronavirus emergency, and we owe it to them to do our part by following this statewide stay-home order," Governor Little added.

The statewide stay-home order is effective immediately and will remain in effect for 21 days. Governor Little and public health officials will evaluate later whether to extend the order past 21 days.

Answers to "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQs) can be found here.

Stay-Home Order Posters are available in both English and in Spanish.

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