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Media Release

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County Coronavirus Response

March 13, 2020 – County elected officials and staff are carefully monitoring updates in relation to the spread of COVID-19 in our area. As of this afternoon, there were no confirmed cases of the virus in Kootenai County, although one case was confirmed in another part of the state. The county Office of Emergency Management is in regular contact with Panhandle Health District (PHD), Kootenai County Emergency Medical Services, and Kootenai Health to stay informed of the latest updates. In response to recommendations from Governor Brad Little and Panhandle Health District:

- Kootenai County Board of Commissioners have suspended non-essential work travel for all of their personnel through the end of April;
- All county-sponsored events (or public events on county-owned property) with expected attendance of more than 250 people are to be postponed until after April 30, 2020;
- Cleaning and sanitation protocols in all county buildings have been expanded in support of the health and safety of our customers and employees.

“We support the Governor’s efforts in keeping Idaho residents as prepared as possible,” said County Commissioner Leslie Duncan. “We have a great working relationship with Panhandle Health District, Kootenai Health, and other community partners, as well as plans in place to keep our community safe and well-prepared.”

We encourage anyone with questions to call the Panhandle Health District Coronavirus Information Line at (877) 415-5225 (which is available Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or visit their website at <http://panhandlehealthdistrict.org/> for local updates. Other sources of current, verified information are the State of Idaho website at <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/> and the Centers for Disease Control (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>).

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