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Evening Briefing Report

Kootenai County, Idaho: Following the evening briefing of the Kootenai County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Unified Command, today's report shows two new cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the Panhandle Health District, bringing our total to 30, with 29 in Kootenai County and one in Bonner County.

Details on new cases are posted and updated in real time on www.panhandlehealthdistrict.org/covid-19/.

If you begin to show symptoms associated with COVID-19 (cough, fever, tiredness, and difficulty breathing), ensure you quarantine. If you are tested for COVID-19, ensure that you self-isolate until you receive your test results. The importance of self-isolating cannot be stressed enough. However, when the symptoms subside you need to continue to self-isolate for an additional 72 hours before removing yourself from isolation.

Unfortunately, there is a lot of misinformation out there on social media. So for the most accurate and up-to-date information on COVID-19 please continue to follow the Kootenai County Office of Emergency Management's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/kootenaiuem/.

Finally, today is National Doctor's Day and normally this is a day filled with celebrations, thank you notes and appreciation. Unfortunately, this year we are in the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic and thus celebrations are very limited or even nonexistent. In the last couple of weeks we have had the good fortune to personally see the impact our local physicians are having on the COVID-19 situation. Their expertise, passion and dedication has shown how very fortunate we are to live and work in a community with such AMAZING doctors! Although we have unusual circumstances, please, with social distancing in mind, join us in thanking our local Doctors for all they are doing now and what they do every day to make our community healthy! Happy Doctor's Day!!!

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