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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. This brings our total to 39, with 37 in Kootenai County and two in Bonner County.

Details on any 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, 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/kootenaioem/.

Finally, the community continues to impress us during these challenging times! Today we were notified by the Coeur Group (a service group in Kootenai County) they are working to help homebound people get needed supplies. Here is a link to their website, www.thecoeurgroup.com for more information. This is just another example of how well our community comes together and pulls for each other in difficult times! We continue to be humbled by this outpouring of support. We know there are confusing messages out in the world and we remain committed to Governor Little's "Stay-Home" order. We ask you to do the same! As we end the third full week of the COVID-19 event we continue to thank our Healthcare Professionals, First Responders, Public Officials and the countless Volunteers who are so dedicated to our community and its wellbeing! Please stay safe and have a good weekend!

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