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PRESS RELEASE

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Coeur d'Alene – December 7, 2020 – Early in the afternoon, today, the Coeur d'Alene Office of the Kootenai County Vehicle Licensing Division of the Assessor's Office ("CDA VLD"), learned that one employee in the CDA VLD Office tested positive for COVID-19 over the weekend. The last day that this employee was at work in the CDA Office was on Friday, December 4, 2020.

This news comes on the heels of a press release issued by the Kootenai County Assessor's Office just late last week Friday, December 4th, announcing that the Post Falls Vehicle Licensing Division Office ("PF VLD") was re-opening on December 7th and that both offices were going to resume accepting walk-in appointments on December 7th. This latest news changes that.

Those customers who were in the CDA VLD Office in the week of November 30th through December 4th, may have been potentially exposed last week should consult their health care providers if they have questions or to have their health care providers determine if they need

Regrettably, the CDA VLD has now temporarily closed its doors effective at 12:30 PM, today, based on this latest news.

Effective December 8, 2020, the Post Falls Office will no longer take walk-in appointments pending the re-opening of the CDA Office. This is necessary because the Post Falls Office will begin to merge into their work queue, those CDA customer QLESS appointments adversely affected by this CDA Office closure.

The CDA Office will be sending an email notification to those CDA Office customers that had appointments for the afternoon of December 7 and to those who are otherwise adversely impacted by this latest closure of the CDA Office.

Such affected customers should plan to go to the Post Falls Office and the Post Falls Office will do its best to work-in the CDA customers in between the already scheduled Post Falls QLESS appointments. Customers should show the email that they received on their devices in order for the Post Falls Office to merge them into the work queue.

The Post Falls Office is located at: **200 Railroad Avenue, Post Falls, ID 83854**

Customers are reminded that transaction times can and do vary, and that delays are likely to occur. Customers are cautioned to: (1) dress warmly; (2) observe guidelines for social distancing; (3) wear face coverings, if they cannot observe social distancing; and (4) otherwise come prepared in case of inclement weather. Additionally, customers are reminded that there exists the potential for there to be peak levels of customer traffic and should plan to wait outside, or wait in their vehicles, and avoid congestion and congregating.

We apologize for the inconvenience, but in light of the resurgence in COVID-19 cases in the area, it was deemed prudent to close the CDA Office.

If you have further questions, please contact Nancy Jones by phone at (208) 446-1602, or by email at njones@kcgov.us.