



**United States Department of State**

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## **NOTICE**

### **Idaho “Safer Home” Order**

To further combat the spread of COVID-19, the Governor of Idaho, Brad Little, has ordered all residents to self isolate and work from home to the extent possible, while also ensuring all essential businesses and services remain available. 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. The order is available at [https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/127/2020/03/statewide-stay-home-order\\_032520.pdf](https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/127/2020/03/statewide-stay-home-order_032520.pdf).

#### **How does this impact foreign missions and their members?**

Foreign missions may continue to perform essential government operations in the state of Idaho. However, all foreign missions are expected to adopt strategies aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19, such as maximizing opportunities for their members to work from home (“telework”), applying social distancing of at least six feet, and avoiding local travel unless required for purposes of protecting health, safety, and protection of property.

When not performing those functions, foreign mission personnel and their dependents are expected to fully comply with the requirements of the Governor’s order, as well as any other applicable orders issued by local or municipal authorities.

Additionally, the Governor’s order requires people to:

- limit public transit unless to provide or obtain essential services;
- limit all discretionary travel; and

- limit all non-essential gatherings of any number of individuals outside the household.

The Department appreciates your patience and understanding as local authorities begin to implement these new restrictions.

### **Questions or Issues**

Inquiries concerning the impacts of COVID-19 and the associated responsive effort on the operation of foreign missions in the United States should be transmitted by electronic mail to [OFM-EmergencyMgt@state.gov](mailto:OFM-EmergencyMgt@state.gov).

### **Resources**

- COVID-19 in Idaho: <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>
- CDC's Coronavirus Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- CDC's Interim Guidance for Business and Employers: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>
- Compilation of circular diplomatic notes and notices released by OFM concerning COVID-19: <https://www.state.gov/circular-notes-and-notices-covid-19/>
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