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Idaho Rolls Back to Modified Stage 2

Governor Little announced today his plans to roll back the State to Modified Stage Two of the Idaho Rebounds Plan. The reason for rolling back to Stage 2 was due to the spike in cases statewide, an increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations and the burden being placed on Idaho's health care system over the last few weeks. "We're going back into a modified mode of the original Idaho Rebounds Order," said Maggie Mann, Southeastern Idaho Public Health's Executive Director. "COVID-19 continues to be a serious illness. It is critical we take this step back in attempt to limit the spread of the virus."

Southeast Idaho cases continue to increase. To date, Southeastern Idaho Public Health reports 6,981 cases and 58 deaths in its 8-county region. "The volume of new cases is very concerning. The number of cases over the last 2 weeks has increased significantly from the prior 2 week period," said Mann. "I can't stress enough the importance of physical distancing, wearing cloth face coverings in public places, staying home if you have symptoms of COVID-19 and washing your hands. Your actions can help to protect you, your family and your community." said Mann.

Stage Two of the Idaho Rebounds Plan takes effect on November 14th, limiting social gatherings both public and private to 10 people including attendance at extracurricular activities such as sporting events. Patrons of bars, night clubs and restaurants must remain seated. All long-term care facilities must require that masks be worn on their premises. However, businesses and worship services remain open.

"Unfortunately, our efforts to date have not slowed the spread. It's up to all of us, and the choices we make every day, to help slow the spread of COVID-19," said Mann. "It's more important than ever for the people of southeastern Idaho to choose to adopt these precautions – if not for their own sake, then for the vulnerable, like the elderly and those with underlying conditions."

For more information on the guidelines to reopen Idaho, visit rebound.idaho.gov. For southeast Idaho specific information about the novel coronavirus, please visit <https://siphidaho.org/coronavirus.php>.

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Join us Monday-Friday at 11 am for Facebook Live at <https://facebook.com/siphidaho>.

SIPH has a COVID Hotline to field questions from the community and is open Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can reach the hotline at (208) 234-5875.

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