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CALDWELL - Governor Little has released Idaho's plan for reopening the economy. The "Idaho Rebound" plan will commence on May 1st and will occur in four stages over the course of approximately two months. The plan is contingent on COVID-19 criteria being met, which is broken up into three parts: syndromic, epidemiologic and healthcare. (1) Syndromic will be measured by Idaho's syndromic tracking system and will need to show a downward trend or low numbers of COVID-19 patient *visits*. (2) Epidemiologic will be measured by a downward trend or low levels of documented *cases reported* within a 14 day period. (3) Healthcare will be measured by available PPE, ventilators, ICU beds and the ability to treat patients. According to the Governor's website, "The approach reduces the risk of COVID-19 to Idaho's most vulnerable population and preserves capacity in our healthcare system, while opening up businesses safely. From an economic standpoint, Idaho's rebound from COVID-19 starts with employee and consumer confidence, which leads into business stability and growth and eventually promotion and attraction."

- Stage 1 begins May 1st (pending criteria being met) and involves opening places of worship, and preparing other businesses to open in phase 2.
- Phase 2 begins May 16th and allows for restaurants, salons and gyms to open with social distancing plans in place. Large venues and bars to remain closed.
- Phase 3 begins May 30th and allows for non-essential travel to resume to places that are allowing.
- Phase 4 begins June 13th and allows for visits to senior living facilities and jails to resume. Bars and nightclubs may open with diminished standing-room occupancy where appropriate, and large venues (movie theatres and sporting arenas) can operate under limited physical distancing protocols.

The City of Caldwell will continue to cooperate with the state of Idaho's plan to reopen the economy and to guide us back to economic prosperity. The approach is data-driven and based on both economic and healthcare data. Governor Little has been working closely with President Trump's administration and we look forward to continued collaboration at all levels of government. Caldwell very much looks forward to reopening of our economy and businesses. Stay healthy, all! See full details of the plan at the website, rebound.idaho.gov