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CALDWELL – Effective Monday, July 20th until further notice, Caldwell city buildings will again close to the public due to a recent increase in the region’s coronavirus case numbers. Closures will be re-evaluated continually based on the public health situation and consultation from our local health district.

City service departments will remain fully staffed and operational. Department representatives will be available to the public via phone or email.

The safety of the public and City employees have remained the highest priority of the City from the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak. Based on rapidly increasing case numbers in Caldwell and Canyon County, City leadership feels it is both prudent and responsible to take the necessary steps to protect the health of our employees and the public, and particularly the most vulnerable members of society.

The City has been working extremely closely with Southwest District Health and other local governments throughout the duration of the pandemic.

“I deeply respect our healthcare leaders and healthcare workers. They have been working around the clock to manage COVID-19 cases and to ensure that they are as prepared as possible. While caseloads have been reasonably managed by the health system in our area up to this point, we must remain flexible in our response. The recent increase in case numbers, as well as hospitalizations, means that it is time to take a step backward and pause, and do what we can to contribute to the health and safety of the public,” said Mayor Nancolas. “We must all do our part to help out the community; respect your neighbor, stay home if you are able to and wash your hands often. We strongly encourage wearing a mask in public.”

Our hearts are constantly warmed by our community’s selflessness and unity. Caldwell has always been a strong community that lifts up and looks out for one another and exhibits care and kindness towards

one another. Amongst these kindnesses, many have chosen to use a mask while at a business or when in close proximity to others.

While a mask mandate is not contemplated by city officials at this time, city leaders strongly encourage everyone to take this step to protect others in all public areas where social distancing of at least six feet is difficult to maintain.

As always, please practice good hand hygiene and physically distance yourself from others when possible. “We are discussing this matter with our public health officials on an on-going basis,” said Mayor Nancolas, “And we recognize that the urgency of this situation changes frequently and must be constantly re-evaluated.”

“The level of community spread in Caldwell is currently high, or [Health Alert Level Red](#), as indicated by the number of new cases reported daily in addition to other factors such as healthcare capacity over the past two weeks. Due to the current risk for exposure to COVID-19, Southwest District Health supports local businesses and governments in taking steps to protect their employees and patrons by requiring wearing face coverings or masks, maintaining at least 6 feet of distance between non-household members, and staying home when sick or exposed to someone who is sick with COVID-19,” said Southwest District Health Director, Nikki Zogg.

The following City buildings are affected: City Hall, the Caldwell Airport, Caldwell Public Library, Caldwell Fire Department, Caldwell Event Center offices, Parks and Rec offices, Planning and Zoning, Building, Engineering, Water, Waste Water Treatment, Cemetery, and Street Department offices. All city employees provide essential services to the public, and we would like to thank them for their continued hard work. Employees that are able to work remotely will be provided that option.

The Library will maintain curbside pickup and remote services. See the attached form for details. The Caldwell Senior Center, Caldwell Veteran’s Memorial Hall and the Caldwell Police Department will remain open with enhanced health precautions.

Golf courses will remain open, as well as the Caldwell Municipal Pool, parks and playgrounds.