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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

CALDWELL - After consultation with Southwest District Health, Caldwell city officials have made the decision to re-open city buildings to the public beginning Monday, August 31.

City buildings initially closed to the public July 20, as Canyon County was designated a “Red Zone” by Southwest District Health due to high numbers of COVID-19 cases. City services remained fully operational during building closures. The city will now resume walk-in service, though online services and appointments remain an option. Masks are not required within city buildings but are highly encouraged. All public facilities will be sanitized regularly. Citizens are asked to remain respectful and cognizant of social distancing procedures.

City officials have worked extremely closely with Southwest District Health over the duration of the pandemic, and will continue to do so. The health and wellbeing of our employees and residents remains top priority.

The following city buildings are affected: City Hall, the Caldwell Airport, Caldwell Fire Department, and 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 have continually provided essential services, and we would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Caldwell Public Library will continue with modified services. Please see the attached flyer for details.

We appreciate our residents’ patience over the last four weeks, and we are eager to serve you in person once again.