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Republican Caucuses Take Proactive Steps to Fight Coronavirus

BOISE, Idaho – In light of concern surrounding confirmed Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in Idaho, both the Idaho House of Representatives and Senate Republican Caucuses have taken proactive steps to assure that members of the Legislature and its staff members are kept safe. These precautionary measures are based on facts and expert guidance from state and local health officials. At this point, there is no community spread of the virus reported in Idaho that would necessitate more restrictive actions.

To date, state and local health district officials have not recommended that the Legislature discontinue its work to finish the 2020 Legislative Session.

Republican Caucus members continue to follow the common-sense precautionary measures recommended by health officials, like washing hands, staying out of crowded rooms and limiting social contact.

Also effective today, at the order of the Senate Pro-Tempore Senator Brent Hill (R-Rexburg) and the Speaker of the House of Representatives Scott Bedke (R-Oakley), all House and Senate attaches and non-essential staff members were provided the option to work from home or to end employment early as the Legislature is poised to adjourn sine die; some staffers have opted to do so.

Majority leadership of the respective bodies have adjusted Legislative workloads to expedite finishing the Idaho people's business and balancing the state's budget as constitutionally required before returning home.

Republican legislators remain committed to following health officials' recommendations as conditions move forward and to representing our constituents to the best of our ability in the most responsible manner possible.

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