

Camas County Board of Commissioners  
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**Disaster Declaration for COVID-19**

**(Camas County, Idaho)** – The Chairman of the Camas County Board of Commissioners has issued a disaster declaration to assist in 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) readiness and response.

The Board approved Chairman Travis Kramer's Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency on March 23, 2020. In order to access emergency disaster funding from the state or federal government, Camas County first must declare an emergency. This declaration is a precautionary step to continue county preparedness in reacting to the fast-paced atmosphere regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, including the ability of immediate access opening the county budget to fund departments needing immediate support. We will continue communication with all county departments to remain proactive in providing service to the community while following state and federal guidance on social distancing.

The Governor of the State of Idaho signed a proactive emergency declaration to further prevent COVID-19 spread in Idaho on March 13, 2020. The Governor issued an updated proactive emergency declaration on March 19, 2020, this order will allow governing bodies to continue to conduct important public business while following state and federal guidance on social distancing using telecommunication devices. Regional Health Districts are asking anyone who has traveled to Blaine County between March 8 --- March 22, to shelter in place; sheltering is not an official mandate, but the agencies are asking that people stay at home except to get necessary medical care. Those seeking further information regarding COVID-19 can visit South Central Public Health District's webpage (<https://www.phd5.idaho.gov>).

Once again, the Camas County Commissioner Board Affirmation of Local Emergency Declaration COVID-19 is merely a proactive step in keeping the county prepared for fast-paced events that could occur. We will remain prepared and will continue to follow state and federal guidelines regarding COVID-19; if following these guidelines means that nothing happens, please try to remember: That's the point.

Contact Camas County Clerk's Office (ph. 208-764-2242) email [kblodgett@rtci.net](mailto:kblodgett@rtci.net)) with further questions.

Sincerely,

Camas County Board of Commissioners

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