



# NEWS RELEASE

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Murphy, Idaho- The Owyhee County Board of County Commissioners announce the following in response to COVID-19 disease.

The Commissioners have adopted the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America which reduces group size from that specified in the previously adopted Interim Guidance issued by SWDH. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/coronavirus-guidelines-america/>

In addition, the Commissioners and Idaho Supreme Court have adopted the following additional steps to slow the spread of COVID-19:

In reliance upon information and direction from Southwest District Health, County Elected Officials and the County's Emergency Manager, Owyhee County asks that all non-essential visits to the Courthouse and any County offices be postponed or rescheduled. Persons with essential business that can be addressed online or by telephone are encouraged to use those alternatives.

The Idaho Supreme Court has also issued directions regarding criminal and civil court proceedings. All persons scheduled to report as a juror, or participate in any criminal court matter, should call the Court at 208-495-2806 to see if your appearance has been rescheduled. Otherwise, we recommend contacting your attorney or monitoring the Owyhee County webpage and/or County Facebook Page for additional information before coming to the courthouse in Murphy or Homedale.

The Homedale Court calendar will be heard on Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> as scheduled, unless you have been notified otherwise. The Homedale Court office is closed to walk-up traffic but will still be answering phone calls. Payments can be made online or by mail.

All DMV and Driver's license services are closed until Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Please visit <https://itd.idaho.gov/itddmv/> for online services. We will still be processing mail in registrations and answering calls during regular business hours.

All events at the Owyhee County Community Center and the Owyhee County Museum have been cancelled.

All other functions should be handled by mail or phone if possible. If you have business with the County and are unsure how to proceed, please contact the appropriate office. Visit our contact page for a list of offices and telephone numbers at [www.owyheecounty.net](http://www.owyheecounty.net)

Thank you for doing your part and respecting these boundaries.

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