
FISCAL UPDATE Article

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IDAHO LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS

Idaho Legislation. Governor Brad Little declared a [State of Emergency](#) on March 13, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As of March 19, 2020, the Idaho Legislature remains in session. The Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee passed an FY 2020 [supplemental appropriation](#) to address issues related to COVID-19 on March 16, 2020. These appropriations were recommended by Governor Little. The following supplemental appropriations were approved, and any unexpended funding is allowed to carry forward to FY 2021:

- \$500,000 of one-time funding from the General Fund for FY 2020 for the Division of Human Resources. The funds will be used to pay for expenditures related to leaves of absence or sick leave related to COVID-19 for state employees.
- \$800,000 in one-time funding from the General Fund for FY 2020 for the Office of Information Technology Services. Funding will be used by state agencies to pay for telecommunication expenditures in an effort to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The funding will assist agencies that need improved technology.

Adjournment. The Idaho Senate adjourned on March 19, 2020, and the House adjourned on March 20, 2020.

Schools Closed. As of March 19, 2020, the governor has not closed schools or businesses. The Idaho Board of Education has provided information on [free meal sites](#) for children ages 1 through 18, regardless of whether they are enrolled in school; however, the child must be present to receive the meal.

COVID-19 Cases. The state of Idaho has a [Coronavirus website](#) to provide information to the public. As of March 19, 2020, there were 23 lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases as reported by Idaho Public Health. Other information includes:

- 78 people are being monitored by Idaho Public Health.
- 445 people were tested by the Idaho Bureau of Laboratories.
- 163 people were tested through commercial laboratories.

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