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Yesterday, Governor Little issued a Stay-At-Home Order for the entire state of Idaho, for 21 days.

Here is the official document:

[https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/127/2020/03/statewide-stay-home-order\\_032520.pdf](https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/127/2020/03/statewide-stay-home-order_032520.pdf)

Here is their guidance regarding Essential Services:

[https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/127/2020/03/IdahoEssentialServices\\_updated.pdf](https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/127/2020/03/IdahoEssentialServices_updated.pdf)

**CPA Firms are included in Essential Services in several places in the order, depending on what you do:**

- Page 6 and Page 9 – this Order incorporates by reference the guidance in the Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response issued by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, CISA : ([www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19](http://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19)) - *Industry guidance includes CPA Firms under Financial Services.*
- Page 7 – f xvi. Businesses that supply other Essential Businesses or Essential Government Functions with the support or supplies necessary to operate;
- Page 8 – f xxiii. Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities;

This Order includes **Minimum Basic Operation** – *this is not business as usual*. Remember to use:

- The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business’s inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions.
- The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.

This Order also **requires Essential Businesses adhere to Social Distance Requirements** including maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

Just because CPAs are included in this Order as an Essential Service, does not mean you need to be open. WORK REMOTELY... please. As much as possible.

**The most important line in this Order:** “This isolation order is a crucial step in fighting the spread of coronavirus and ensuring our healthcare system is not overrun with many cases at the same time.”

**PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS...**

**ANY QUESTIONS or COMMENTS? Email or call** - I would love to talk with you.



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