

## **Our Community and COVID-19**

### *A Message from the City of Bonners Ferry*

We are experiencing unprecedented times as COVID-19 impacts our community, the nation, and the world. The City of Bonners Ferry is monitoring the situation and attempting to address needs of the City and the community as they come up. Combatting the spread of COVID-19 is a community effort and we are asking the public to take an active role along with all of us at the City.

The City would encourage everyone to consider their daily actions, exposure risk and contagion risk from the perspective of the larger public health impact of a rapid spread of COVID-19, versus a more gradual spread. Medical resources in Boundary County and our state have a better chance of meeting the medical needs of our community if the rate of spread is gradual and not rapid. We all can help slow it down. Our efforts in this regard will save lives.

We can slow it down by:

- Washing our hands
- Keeping our distance from others
- Covering our cough
- Avoiding group gatherings of more than 10 people
- Staying home if you are sick
- Avoiding non-essential travel and social visits

We are all in this together; we all benefit from taking individual and collective responsibility. As such, we are encouraging the actions recommended by the Center for Disease Control and the by the state and federal government.

We will get through this and we must remember to support our local restaurants and businesses when we return to normality – for they are suffering and will need our help to get back on their feet. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during these difficult times.