

Idaho's Response to COVID-19

In Idaho, the state government is maintaining an official website at <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov> for relaying Idaho-specific information. Additionally, Governor Brad Little has issued a [proclamation declaring a state of emergency](#). The final item in his proclamation authorizes state agencies with licensing/certification responsibilities to “temporarily exercise enforcement discretion, implement temporary rules, and waive licensing and related requirements to maximize access to health care services and provider support in response to COVID-19.” To that end, the Division of Licensing & Certification, Certified Family Home Program, is temporarily taking the following steps to minimize transmission of the infection through the duration of the emergency:

- All initial certification, recertification, and investigation survey activity will be by desk review only, except when investigating allegations that pose an imminent danger to residents;
- Allow providers and substitute caregivers to let their CPR/First Aid certification lapse to limit group trainings;
- Remove the requirement that a certain number of annual ongoing training hours be interactive, allowing providers to fulfil all training requirements through independent study;
- Allow providers to limit in-person access to residents on a case-by-case basis, depending on the risk from the visitor and the susceptibility of the residents and others living in the home to major health complications from COVID-19; and
- Allow providers to limit the resident's participation in the community (including services and recreation) on a case-by-case basis, depending on the risk in the specific community setting and the susceptibility of the residents and others living in the home to major health complications from COVID-19.