



# CITY OF GILLETTE

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council  
FROM: Patrick G. Davidson, City Administrator  
RE: General Information  
DATE: May 29, 2020

The following meetings are scheduled for the week of **May 30 – June 5, 2020**

#### Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

##### 6:00 p.m. City Council Pre-Meeting, Agenda Attached

- 2020 Census Update – Tammy Hanshaw, U.S. Census Bureau, Wyoming Partnership Specialist
- Black Hills Power Agreement Preview – Utilities Director Cole
- Review June 2, 2020 Council Agenda
- Executive Session
- City Hall – **2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Community Room**
- Dinner Served at 5:30 p.m.

##### 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

- City Hall – Council Chambers

1. Attached please find the **current monthly calendar** for **June 2020**.
2. Attached please find a **news release** regarding **Outdoor Gatherings up to 250 Persons to be Permitted Under New Health Orders** dated **May 27, 2020** provided by the **Office of Governor Mark Gordon**.
3. Attached please find the **Fifth Continuation of Statewide Public Health Orders** regarding **Covid-19** dated **May 27, 2020** provided by the **Office of Governor Mark Gordon**.
4. Attached please find a **news release** regarding **Street Closures** dated **May 21, 2020** provided by **Communications Manager Palazzari**.
5. Attached please find **Covid-19 Updates for Elected Officials** dated **May 27, 2020** provided by **Wyoming Workforce Services**.
6. Attached please find a **thank you card** from **Personal Frontiers**.

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## Pre-Meeting Topic(s):

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## June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	8	9 <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;"> <b>City Council Special Meeting, 6PM - 2nd FL</b>                      2nd Reading of Budget                      Review of Budget Amendment #3                 </div>	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;"> <b>City Council Pre-Meeting, 6PM - 2nd FL</b>                      Snow Debrief   <b>City Council Meeting, 7PM, Council Chambers</b> </div>	17	18	19 League of Women Voters Forum 6PM - Council Chambers	20
21 Father's Day  	22 League of Women Voters Forum 6PM - Council Chambers	23 <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;"> <b>City Council Work Session, 6PM - 2nd FL</b>                      Canceled                 </div>	24	25 <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;"> <b>Senior Center Luncheon</b>                      12PM - Senior Center                 </div>	26	27
28	29	30 <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;"> <b>City Council Work Session - 6PM - 2nd FL</b> </div>				

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## Outdoor gatherings up to 250 persons to be permitted under new health orders

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May 27, 2020

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### Outdoor gatherings up to 250 persons to be permitted under new health orders

CHEYENNE, Wyo. – Governor Mark Gordon has announced that updated public health orders effective June 1 will ease restrictions on public gatherings, allowing outdoor gatherings of up to 250 people.

The updated orders allow for outdoor events to occur with social distancing and increased sanitization measures in place. Sporting events, rodeos and other events will be permitted to have up to 250 spectators in attendance, in addition to the event participants.

"It's time we had the chance to enjoy summer," Governor Gordon said. "The ability to gather outdoors in larger groups will be good for Wyoming citizens, businesses and our communities as we enter the season. We are not out of the woods yet though, so please use good judgement and don't jeopardize yourself and others by acting recklessly. We want to keep moving forward."

Hosts and organizers of these outdoor events are asked to screen staff for symptoms of COVID-19 and ensure adequate personal

protective equipment is available. Food and beverage services at outdoor gatherings are required to follow the provision for restaurants outlined in Public Health Order No. 1.

Indoor events and gatherings, other than religious gatherings and other exemptions listed in the order, will continue to be restricted to groups of 25 or fewer. No significant changes are being made to the updated Public Health Orders 1 and 3.

Updated copies of all three Public Health Orders are attached and can be found on the Wyoming's [COVID-19 website](#).

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- [Fifth Continuation and Modification of Statewide Public Health Order #1.pdf](#)
- [Fifth Continuation and Modification of Statwide Order #3.pdf](#)
- [Fifth Continuation and Modification of Statewide Public Health Order #2.pdf](#)



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## **FIFTH CONTINUATION, AND MODIFICATION, OF STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER REGARDING BARS, RESTAURANTS, THEATERS, GYMNASIUMS, CHILD CARE FACILITIES, K-12 SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND TRADE SCHOOLS**

In an effort to stop the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Wyoming Department of Health finds it necessary to protect the health of the public by continuing certain restrictions as outlined in this Order. Additionally, this Order implements measures in line with the White House unveiling, on April 16, 2020, of certain guidelines for Opening Up America Again - a three-phased approach beginning with State or Regional Gating Criteria and continuing through three phases of removing restrictions when there is no evidence of resurgence of the virus.

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This Order is effective on June 1, 2020, and shall remain in effect through June 15, 2020, unless the Wyoming Department of Health revokes or extends this Order before June 15, 2020.

### **FINDINGS**

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7. A significant number of Wyoming citizens are at risk of serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19. Although most individuals who contract COVID-19 do not become seriously ill, people with mild symptoms, and even asymptomatic persons with COVID-19, place other vulnerable members of the public at significant risk.
8. A large number of persons with serious infections may compromise the ability of healthcare systems in Wyoming to deliver the necessary healthcare to the public.
9. Wyoming Statute § 35-1-240(a)(i), (ii), and (iv) provides all the rights and powers for the Wyoming Department of Health, through the State Health Officer, Dr. Alexia Harrist, MD, PhD, or under her directive through other employees of the Wyoming Department of Health, to control the causes of communicable disease; to close theaters, schools, and other public places; and to forbid gatherings of people when necessary to protect public health.
10. In addition to the above findings, stopping the spread of COVID-19 includes washing your hands often, practicing social distancing by avoiding close contact with others, staying at least six feet away from someone who is ill or showing signs of illness, avoiding touching your face, eyes, nose and mouth, covering your cough or sneeze into your elbow or by using a tissue, and by wearing a face covering when in public.

### ORDER

1. Pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-1-240(a)(i), (ii), and (iv), beginning on June 1, 2020, and continuing through June 15, 2020, unless revoked or extended by the Wyoming Department of Health before June 15, 2020, restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, bars, taverns, brew pubs, breweries, microbreweries, distillery pubs, wineries, tasting rooms, special licensees, clubs, cigar bars, and other places of public accommodation offering food, beverages, or alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption may provide

services (indoors and outdoors) under the following restrictions, to be enforced by the business owner:

- a. All patrons shall be seated at tables (for purposes of this Order, booths are included in the definition of tables);
- b. Tables must be limited to groups of 6, preferably of the same household, however, a business may make exceptions for groups greater than 6 if the group is solely comprised of members from the same household;
- c. Tables with patrons must be positioned such that patrons at different tables are at least 6 feet apart (and preferably 10 feet apart) on all sides when seated; the number of people in a confined area at any time must be limited in such a way as to allow for adequate distancing between tables;
- d. Signage must be positioned on premises reminding separate parties to stand at least 6 feet apart; designated waiting areas must have floor markers to indicate proper spacing;
- e. Physical distancing guidelines must be maintained while customers enter and remain on premises;
- f. Staff that come within 6 feet of customers or other staff shall wear face coverings; staff shall perform hand hygiene between interactions with each table;
- g. Cups, lids, napkins, and straws must be handed directly to customers by staff;
- h. Tables must not be set prior to customer arrival; staff shall avoid touching items that have been placed on the table; tables must be cleared by dedicated staff once all guests have left the table;
- i. Dedicated staff shall sanitize all areas occupied by customers upon customer departure, including tables, menus, pens, salt and pepper shakers, tables, chairs, etc. (consider the use of disposable items as necessary);
- j. The business shall not operate without appropriate protective equipment for staff (face coverings, gloves for serving and cleaning, etc.), EPA-approved disinfectants and sanitizers, soap and other necessary cleaning supplies;
- k. Hand sanitizer shall be available at the business entrance and immediately adjacent to all bathrooms;
- l. Cleaning and disinfecting shall be performed in the morning, afternoon, and evening; all tables, chairs, door handles, floors, and bathrooms, and any high-touch surfaces must be cleaned and disinfected;

- m. No self-serve food service or buffet options shall be available unless food is pre-packaged; drink refills are not allowed in the same containers;
  - n. Gloves shall be worn when handling to-go boxes, pizza boxes, paper cups, and any other paper product that touches food;
  - o. Staff shall use gloves when handling ready-to-eat foods (including ice); gloves are not required when handling foods that have yet to be cooked;
  - p. Employees shall be screened for symptoms of COVID-19, or exposure to an individual with COVID-19, prior to each shift; employees who are ill shall not be allowed to work; employees who have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive person within the previous 14 days shall not be allowed to work; employee logs of the screening activity must be kept and made available for inspection by the local health officer;
  - q. Self-service condiments shall not be used, unless the condiments can be cleaned adequately between customers;
  - r. The business shall encourage contactless and non-signature payment; if not possible for the customer, card and payment stations must be sanitized after each use; staff shall sanitize hands between handling payment options and food containers;
  - s. The business shall maintain a record of staff working hours by date and time for purposes of COVID-19 contact tracing; if such recordkeeping is done manually, sanitizing measures must be taken on the instruments used for recordkeeping in between use;
  - t. Playgrounds at the business must remain closed;
  - u. No dart/pool leagues, dances, or karaoke may take place at the business; and
  - v. Signage must remind customers not to enter the business if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and must be displayed at the business entrance.
2. Gymnasiums may re-open or continue to operate in a limited capacity, under the following restrictions, to be enforced by the owner of the facility:
- a. Staff that come within 6 feet of customers or other staff shall wear face coverings;
  - b. Employees shall be screened for symptoms of COVID-19, or exposure to an individual with COVID-19, prior to each shift; employees who are ill shall not be allowed to work; employees who have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive person within the previous 14 days shall not be allowed to work; employee logs of the screening activity must be kept and made available for inspection by the local health officer;

- c. The business shall maintain a record of staff working hours by date and time for purposes of COVID-19 contact tracing; if such recordkeeping is done manually, sanitizing measures must be taken on the instruments used for recordkeeping in between use;
  - d. Close-contact group activities, including close-contact sports, are prohibited; personal training is permitted;
  - e. Locker rooms may be open, provided that lockers are assigned by patron and are disinfected by staff after each use; showers may be open, provided that proper cleaning is performed; at all times, physical distancing must be maintained in locker rooms;
  - f. Workout equipment must be no less than 6 feet apart (and preferably 10 feet apart), enforced by staff during operation;
  - g. Workout equipment must be cleaned by staff in between each patron use;
  - h. Handwashing stations, or hand sanitizer, must be readily available for all patrons;
  - i. Group workout classes are permitted, provided that at all times, each participant can remain at least 6 feet away from other participants of the class; class sizes shall be limited to 25 participants;
  - j. Overall number of patrons in the entire facility must not exceed 1 person per 120 square feet, and patrons must maintain physical distancing during their workout;
  - k. Swimming pools shall be limited to one swimmer per lane;
  - l. Spas and saunas shall remain closed;
  - m. The business shall not operate without appropriate protective equipment for staff (face coverings, gloves for serving and cleaning, etc.), EPA-approved disinfectants and sanitizers, soap and other necessary cleaning supplies; and
  - n. Signage must be displayed reminding customers not to enter the business if they have symptoms of COVID-19, and the signage must be displayed at the business entrance.
3. Movie theaters, performance theaters, opera houses, concert halls, and music halls may re-open or continue to operate in a limited capacity, under the following restrictions to be enforced by the owner of the facility:
- a. Groups of patrons seated together must be limited to 6, preferably of the same household, however, a business may make exceptions for groups greater than 6 if the group is solely comprised of members from the same household;

- b. A 6-foot distance must be maintained between individual groups at all times, including in waiting areas and while seated in the facility;
- c. The number of people in a confined area at any time must be limited to allow for adequate distancing between groups;
- d. Close contact between members of different groups is prohibited before, during, and after each performance;
- e. Signage must remind patrons to remain at least 6 feet apart from other groups of people; waiting areas must have floor markers to indicate proper spacing;
- f. Staff shall perform hand hygiene between interactions with each customer or party;
- g. Staff that come within 6 feet of customers or other staff shall wear a face covering;
- h. Patrons should be encouraged to wear face coverings to the greatest extent practicable;
- i. Employees shall be screened for symptoms of COVID-19, or exposure to an individual with COVID-19, prior to each shift; employees who are ill shall not be allowed to work; employees who have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive person within the previous 14 days shall not be allowed to work; employee logs of the screening activity must be kept and made available for inspection by the local health officer;
- j. The business shall not operate without appropriate protective equipment for staff (face coverings, gloves for serving and cleaning, etc.), EPA-approved disinfectants and sanitizers, soap and other necessary cleaning supplies;
- k. Hand sanitizer must be available at the entrance to the facility and immediately adjacent to the bathrooms;
- l. The facility must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to and after each performance; all countertops, seating, armrests, door handles, floors, bathrooms, and any high-touch surfaces must be cleaned and disinfected according to CDC guidelines for cleaning;
- m. The business shall maintain a record of staff working hours by date and time for purposes of COVID-19 contact tracing; if such recordkeeping is done manually, sanitizing measures must be taken on the instruments used for recordkeeping in between use;
- n. The business shall encourage contactless and non-signature payment; if not possible for the customer, card and payment stations must be sanitized after each use; staff shall sanitize hands between handling payment options;

- o. Signage must remind customers not to enter the business if they have symptoms of COVID-19, and the signage must be displayed at the business entrance; and
  - p. Food service must follow the provisions for restaurants in paragraph 1 above.
4. For clarity, this Order does not apply to any of the following:
- a. Places of public accommodation that offer food and beverage not for on-premises consumption, including grocery stores, markets, retail stores that offer food, convenience stores, pharmacies, drug stores, and food pantries;
  - b. Room service in hotels;
  - c. Health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities;
  - d. Crisis shelters or similar institutions;
  - e. Airport concessionaires; and
  - f. Any emergency facilities necessary for the response to the events surrounding the public health emergency and state of emergency caused by COVID-19.
5. In order to help protect the health and safety of children, child care centers or home daycares may re-open or continue to operate under the following conditions:
- a. The child care provider shall restrict groups of people (children and providers) to 25 in each separate room in accordance with all rules governing child to provider ratios. The child care provider may allow 25 or more people in the facility only if each group of 25 individuals is in a room separated by walls from other groups in accordance with all rules governing child to provider ratios;
  - b. The child care provider shall ensure that all people (children and providers) wash hands with soap and water upon arrival to the facility;
  - c. The child care provider shall ensure that staff and children are screened for symptoms of COVID-19 at the beginning of the day on arrival and may not allow any symptomatic individuals to enter the facility; logs of the employee screening activity must be kept and made available for inspection by the local health officer;
  - d. The business shall maintain a record of staff working hours by date and time for purposes of COVID-19 contact tracing; if such recordkeeping is done manually, sanitizing measures must be taken on the instruments used for recordkeeping in between use;

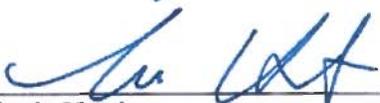
- e. In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the facility, the provider shall close the facility and consult with their local county health officer on next steps and when to re-open;
  - f. The child care provider shall ensure that enrolled children are met at the entrance and that parents, or other individuals dropping off or picking up children, do not enter the facility, unless absolutely necessary; and
  - g. The child care provider shall ensure that surfaces and areas that are used and touched often are cleaned and sanitized after each use (e.g. shared toys, keyboards, desks, remote controls) or at least twice a day (e.g. doorknobs, light switches, toilet handles, sink handles, countertops).
6. Child care providers operating under the measures in paragraph 5 shall prioritize providing child care for children of essential personnel. "Essential personnel" include:
- a. Staff and providers of childcare and education services, including custodial and kitchen staff and other support staff, who do not do their work remotely;
  - b. Providers of healthcare including, but not limited to, employees of clinics, hospitals, nursing homes, long-term care and post-acute care facilities, respite houses, designated agencies, emergency medical services, as well as necessary custodial, kitchen, administrative, and other support staff;
  - c. Criminal justice personnel including those in law enforcement, courts, and correctional services;
  - d. Public health employees;
  - e. Firefighters, Wyoming National Guard personnel called to duty for responding to COVID-19, and other first responders;
  - f. Government (Federal, State, and local) employees determined to be essential for response to the COVID-19 crisis;
  - g. Active duty military staff;
  - h. Pharmacy staff;
  - i. Foster families with children through grade 8;
  - j. 2-1-1 and 9-1-1 call center staff; critical infrastructure and utility workers, including electrical, plumbing, telecommunications, water, and wastewater operators, workers, and staff;
  - k. State, municipal, and commercial public works and sanitation crews;

- l. Grocery and food supply workers;
  - m. Supply chain, postal, and delivery drivers and warehouse workers;
  - n. Manufacturers of medical devices, equipment, testing equipment, and supplies; and
  - o. Fuel distribution workers.
7. In addition to the measures noted above, a child care center or home daycare that remains open is required to follow all health guidelines from the CDC and Wyoming Department of Health for limiting the risk of transmission of COVID-19, to the extent possible when caring for children.
8. As child care is a critical part of the infrastructure of Wyoming, allowing essential systems to function, in the event a County Health Officer closes a child care facility under the direction and supervision of the State Health Officer, the County Health Officer shall work with local child care providers to make available limited child care services for essential personnel, as described above.
9. All K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and trade schools shall not hold in person classes until no sooner than June 15, 2020, unless an exception is granted under paragraph 11 or a Countywide Variance Order is granted under paragraph 12. Staff and teachers may continue to work in school or facility buildings to facilitate adaptive learning/instruction or to complete required administrative tasks. Food may still be prepared to be made available to those in need.
10. K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and trade schools may provide limited on-site instruction to students who need specialized assistance or services, or for technical courses that require specific equipment for instruction. K-12 schools, universities, colleges, and trade schools offering these services shall operate under the following provisions:
- a. Groups shall be limited to 25 people (students and teachers); the facility shall restrict groups of people to 25 in each separate room; the facility may allow more than 25 people in the facility only if each group of 25 is in a room separated by walls from other groups;
  - b. Spacing of at least 6 feet between people must be maintained whenever possible; face coverings shall be worn in situations where 6 feet of separation cannot be maintained;
  - c. Students and staff shall be screened each day for symptoms of COVID-19, or exposure to an individual with COVID-19; students or staff who are ill shall not participate in onsite activities; students and staff who have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive person within the previous 14 days shall not be allowed to participate in onsite activities; staff logs of screening must be kept and made available for inspection by the local health officer;

- d. All facilities, and surfaces therein, shall be cleaned and disinfected according to CDC guidelines before and after student use;
  - e. Six foot spacing of students during transportation to and from the facility must be maintained as much as practicable; and
  - f. Hand hygiene must be performed frequently within the facility.
11. Specific exceptions to the restrictions in this Order may be granted, at the discretion of the County Health Officer, under the direction and supervision of the State Health Officer, if demonstrated, in writing, to the County Health Officer that effective cleaning and safety measures are implemented. Any specific exception under this paragraph must be approved in writing by the State Health Officer and may be modified or revoked by the County Health Officer under the supervision and direction of the State Health Officer.
12. Countywide variances to the restrictions in this Order may be granted in the form of a Countywide Variance Order if approved and signed by both the County Health Officer and the State Health Officer. Countywide Variance Orders may be less restrictive or more restrictive than the measures imposed in this Order.
13. This Order is entered in conjunction with the statewide public health orders titled “Fifth Continuation, and Modification, of Statewide Public Health Order #2: Regarding Gatherings of More Than Twenty-Five (25) People”, entered May 27, 2020, and “Fifth Continuation, and Modification, of Statewide Public Health Order #3 Regarding Nail Salons, Hair Salons, Barber Shops, Massage Therapy Services, Tattoo, Body Art and Piercing Shops, and Cosmetology, Electrology, and Esthetic Services”, entered May 27, 2020.
14. This Order supersedes all individual county health orders currently in effect.

As the State Health Officer, I specifically deem this Order necessary to protect the public health. *See* Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-1-240(a)(i), (ii), and (iv). I will reassess the necessity of this Order as appropriate to do so and according to accepted epidemiological and medical standards. Any person or legal entity that violates this Order shall be subject to criminal prosecution under Wyo. Stat. Ann. §§ 35-1-105 and -106.

DATED THIS 27 DAY OF May, 2020.

  
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Alexia Harrist  
Wyoming State Health Officer

**FIFTH CONTINUATION, AND MODIFICATION, OF STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH  
ORDER #2: REGARDING GATHERINGS  
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10. In addition to the above findings, stopping the spread of COVID-19 includes washing your hands often, practicing social distancing by avoiding close contact with others, staying at least six feet away from someone who is ill or showing signs of illness, avoiding touching your face, eyes, nose and mouth, covering your cough or sneeze into your elbow or by using a tissue, and by wearing a face covering when in public.

### ORDER

1. Gatherings of more than twenty-five (25) people are prohibited in order to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health of the public.
2. "Gatherings" are any planned or spontaneous event, public or private, bringing together, or likely bringing together, more than twenty-five (25) people in a single room or a single confined space (whether indoor or outdoor) at the same time.
3. Gatherings at the following are exempted from this Order:
  - a. Hotels and motels for lodging purposes;

- b. Livestock auctions;
  - c. Groups of workers being transported to a location for their jobs;
  - d. Government business, military and National Guard facilities, law enforcement, jails, secure treatment centers, and correctional facilities, including any facility operated by the Wyoming Department of Corrections, and any facility used to respond to natural disasters or public health emergencies;
  - e. Federal, State, and local government facilities, including government service centers;
  - f. Relief facilities, including food pantries and shelter facilities;
  - g. Residential buildings, excluding individual household residences;
  - h. Grocery stores, markets, convenience stores, pharmacies, drug stores;
  - i. Truck stops, gas stations, and auto-repair facilities;
  - j. Retail or business establishments, where more than twenty-five (25) people may be present but are generally not within six (6) feet of one another;
  - k. Healthcare facilities, including hospitals, medical facilities, home health agencies, personal care agencies, hospices, adult family homes, mental health centers, and pharmacies;
  - l. Alcohol and drug treatment centers; and
  - m. Long-term care and assisted living facilities, including nursing homes and assisted living facilities, as long as the facility complies with guidance and directives from the CDC, the Wyoming Department of Health, and appropriate licensing and regulatory agencies.
4. Religious or faith based organizations and funeral homes may allow gatherings of more than 25 people subject to the following conditions, to be enforced by the religious or faith based organization leaders/staff or the staff of the funeral home:
- a. A 6-foot distance must be maintained between individual household groups at all times;
  - b. The number of people in a confined area at any time must be limited to allow for adequate distancing between households;
  - c. Close contact between members of different households is prohibited before, during, and after the gathering;
  - d. Reading materials, collection plates, and communion trays shall be passed out to individual attendees by the leaders/staff rather than passed between attendees;

- e. Prior to the gathering, religious or faith based organization leaders/staff and staff of funeral homes must be screened for symptoms of COVID-19, or exposure to a person with COVID-19 during the previous 14 days. Staff or leaders with symptoms of illness, or known exposure to a person with COVID-19 infection within the previous 14 days, shall not participate in the gathering; staff logs of the screening activity shall be kept and made available for inspection by the local health officer;
  - f. The entire facility shall be cleaned thoroughly, including all high touch areas before and after each gathering, according to CDC guidelines for cleaning;
  - g. Communion shall be served in individual containers if possible; if communion is given directly into the mouth or hand, thorough hand hygiene and the use of face coverings, to the extent practical, during close interactions between individuals should be utilized;
  - h. There shall be no exchange of food or drink, with the exception of subsection g; and
  - i. Staff who come within 6 feet of attendees or other staff must wear a face covering.
5. Event venues not specifically identified by name or type within this Order may allow outdoor gatherings of more than 25 people but no more than 250 people subject to the following conditions, to be enforced by the host or organizer of the event. Events that occur in these venues include by way of example but are not limited to rodeos, speedway motor races, concerts, sporting events, fairs, parades, track and field races, farmer's markets, fireworks shows, weddings, and any other event of a similar nature not otherwise specifically identified herein.
- a. Groups of attendees seated or standing together must be limited to 6, preferably of the same household, however, an event may make exceptions for groups greater than 6 if the group is solely comprised of members from the same household;
  - b. A 6-foot distance must be maintained between individual groups at all times, including but not limited to entrances, exits, concessions, ticket booths, and restrooms;
  - c. The number of people in any confined area of the event must be limited to allow for adequate distancing between households;
  - d. Close contact between members of different households is prohibited before, during, and after the event;
  - e. Prior to the event, staff, hosts/organizers of the event, and event participants (not event attendees) must be screened for symptoms of COVID-19, or exposure to a person with COVID-19 during the previous 14 days. Staff, hosts/organizers, or event participants with symptoms of illness, or known exposure to a person with COVID-19 infection within the previous 14 days, shall not participate in the event; logs of the screening activity shall be kept and made available for inspection by the local health officer;

- f. The entire event facility, to the extent there are outdoor facilities, shall be cleaned thoroughly, including all high touch areas before and after each event, according to CDC guidelines for cleaning;
  - g. Staff who come within 6 feet of event attendees or other staff must wear a face covering;
  - h. In the event the required 6 feet of distance between individual groups cannot be maintained, face coverings must be worn during the event, to the greatest extent possible;
  - i. The event shall not take place without appropriate protective equipment for staff (face coverings, gloves for serving and cleaning, etc.), EPA-approved disinfectants and sanitizers, soap and other necessary cleaning supplies;
  - j. The event shall encourage contactless and non-signature payment, as applicable; if not possible for the attendee, card and payment stations must be sanitized after each use; staff shall sanitize hands between handling payment options;
  - k. Signage must remind attendees not to enter if they have symptoms of COVID-19, and the signage must be displayed at the entrance of the event; signage must also be positioned on event premises reminding separate parties to stand at least 6 feet apart;
  - l. Food and beverage service shall follow the provisions for restaurants in the Fifth Continuation, and Modification, of Statewide Public Health Order Regarding Bars, Restaurants, Theaters, Gymnasiums, Child Care Facilities, K-12 Schools, Colleges, Universities, and Trade Schools;
  - m. Participants in sporting events shall not congregate in groups larger than 25 individuals;
  - n. The event should follow the public health recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and the Wyoming Department of Health, including washing hands often with soap and water, practicing social distancing by avoiding close contact with others, avoiding touching your face, eyes, nose and mouth, covering your cough or sneeze into your elbow or by using a tissue, and wearing a face covering when in public; and
  - o. For clarity, the 250 person limit is not calculated by adding participants and spectators/attendees together. That is, up to 250 attendees at an event may gather in addition to the participants in the event.
6. Additional specific gathering exceptions to the prohibitions in this Order may be granted, at the discretion of the County Health Officer, under the direction and supervision of the State Health Officer, if demonstrated, in writing, to the County Health Officer that people at the gathering will maintain at least six (6) feet of space between one another, and that effective sanitation will be performed before and after the gathering. Any specific exception under this paragraph must be approved in writing by the State Health Officer

and may be modified or revoked by the County Health Officer under the supervision and direction of the State Health Officer.

7. Countywide variances to the prohibitions mandated in this Order may be granted in the form of a Countywide Variance Order if approved and signed by both the County Health Officer and the State Health Officer. Countywide Variance Orders may be less restrictive (or more restrictive) than the measures imposed in this Order.
8. This Order is entered in conjunction with the statewide public health orders titled "Fifth Continuation, and Modification, of Statewide Public Health Order Regarding Bars, Restaurants, Theaters, Gymnasiums, Child Care Facilities, K-12 Schools, Colleges, Universities, and Trade Schools", entered May 27, 2020, and "Fifth Continuation, and Modification, of Statewide Public Health Order #3 Regarding Nail Salons, Hair Salons, Barber Shops, Massage Therapy Services, Tattoo, Body Art and Piercing Shops, and Cosmetology, Electrology, and Esthetic Services", entered May 27, 2020.
9. This Order supersedes all individual county health orders currently in effect.

As the State Health Officer, I specifically deem this Order necessary to protect the public health. *See* Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-1-240(a)(i), (ii), and (iv). I will reassess the necessity of this Order as appropriate to do so and according to accepted epidemiological and medical standards. Any person or legal entity that violates this Order shall be subject to criminal prosecution under Wyo. Stat. Ann. §§ 35-1-105 and -106.

DATED THIS 27 DAY OF May, 2020.



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Alexia Harrist  
Wyoming State Health Officer

**FIFTH CONTINUATION, AND MODIFICATION, OF STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER #3 REGARDING NAIL SALONS, HAIR SALONS, BARBER SHOPS, MASSAGE THERAPY SERVICES, TATTOO, BODY ART AND PIERCING SHOPS, AND COSMETOLOGY, ELECTROLOGY, AND ESTHETIC SERVICES**

In an effort to stop the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Wyoming Department of Health finds it necessary to protect the health of the public by continuing certain restrictions as outlined in this Order. Additionally, this Order implements measures in line with the White House unveiling, on April 16, 2020, of certain guidelines for Opening Up America Again - a three-phased approach beginning with State or Regional Gating Criteria and continuing through three phases of removing restrictions when there is no evidence of resurgence of the virus.

Due in part to the vigilance of Wyoming residents, the metrics measuring outbreak progress and healthcare system capacity allow for the Wyoming Department of Health to continue the process of incrementally lifting restrictions in previous statewide public health orders through a measured and data-based approach. As with previous statewide public health orders, this Order continues to authorize countywide variances to the restrictions within this Order, in the form of a Countywide Variance Order, if approved by the County Health Officer and the State Health Officer. This Order also continues to authorize the businesses outlined in this Order to operate under certain conditions.

This Order is effective on June 1, 2020, and shall remain in effect through June 15, 2020, unless the Wyoming Department of Health revokes or extends this Order before June 15, 2020.

**FINDINGS**

1. COVID-19 was first detected in Wuhan, China in 2019, and since then has spread to over 60 countries including the United States. There are 648 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Wyoming as of May 26, 2020, as well as the presence of community spread. It is expected that more cases will be diagnosed. There have been 13 deaths in Wyoming related to COVID-19.
2. COVID-19 is a respiratory illness, transmitted through person-to-person contact or by contact with surfaces contaminated with the virus. Persons infected with COVID-19 may become symptomatic two to fourteen days after exposure. The symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. In some cases, COVID-19 can result in severe disease including hospitalization, admission to an intensive care unit, and death, especially among older adults and persons with serious underlying health conditions. New information about the implications of this virus is ongoing.
3. The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic as of March 11, 2020.
4. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency concerning the coronavirus, specifically stating that, in “December 2019 a novel (new) coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 (the virus”) was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People’s Republic of China, causing outbreaks of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) that has now spread globally [...] The spread of COVID-19 within our Nation’s communities

threatens to strain our Nation's healthcare systems. [...] Additional measures [...] are needed to successfully contain and combat the virus in the United States."

5. On March 13, 2020, Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon declared a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency in the State of Wyoming, stating that on March 11, 2020, an individual within the State of Wyoming tested presumptive positive for COVID-19 and the State of Wyoming is experiencing a public health emergency in response to the evolving COVID-19 outbreak.
6. Governor Gordon's Declaration of a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency directs the Wyoming Department of Health to take all appropriate and necessary actions, and that in the judgment of the Director of the Wyoming Department of Health, any actions necessary should be taken to provide aid to those locations where there is a threat or danger to public health, safety, and welfare.
7. A significant number of Wyoming citizens are at risk of serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19. Although most individuals who contract COVID-19 do not become seriously ill, people with mild symptoms, and even asymptomatic persons with COVID-19, place other vulnerable members of the public at significant risk.
8. A large number of persons with serious infections may compromise the ability of healthcare systems in Wyoming to deliver the necessary healthcare to the public.
9. Wyoming Statute § 35-1-240(a)(i), (ii), and (iv) provides all the rights and powers for the Wyoming Department of Health, through the State Health Officer, Dr. Alexia Harrist, MD, PhD, or under her directive through other employees of the Wyoming Department of Health, to control the causes of communicable disease; to close certain public places; and to forbid gatherings of people when necessary to protect public health.
10. In addition to the above findings, stopping the spread of COVID-19 includes washing your hands often, practicing social distancing by avoiding close contact with others, staying at least six feet away from someone who is ill or showing signs of illness, avoiding touching your face, eyes, nose and mouth, covering your cough or sneeze into your elbow or by using a tissue, and by wearing a face covering when in public.

#### ORDER

1. Pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-1-240(a)(i), (ii), and (iv), beginning on June 1, 2020, and continuing through June 15, 2020, unless revoked or extended by the Wyoming Department of Health before June 15, 2020, nail salons, hair salons, barber shops, cosmetology, electrology, and esthetic services, massage therapy services (excluding massages performed for medical purposes which are exempt from this Order) and tattoo, body art, and piercing shops may re-open or continue to operate under the following conditions:
  - a. Patrons shall only receive services at stations with at least 6 feet of separation on all sides from other stations serving patrons;

- b. The number of people (patrons and staff) in a confined area at any time shall be limited in such a way as to allow for adequate spacing between stations;
  - c. Employees shall be screened for symptoms of COVID-19, or exposure to an individual with COVID-19, prior to each shift; employees who are ill shall not be allowed to work; employees who have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive person within the previous 14 days shall not be allowed to work; employee logs of the screening activity shall be kept and made available for inspection by the local health officer;
  - d. All patrons shall wear face coverings as much as possible when receiving service;
  - e. All staff must wear face coverings when within 6 feet of customers or other staff;
  - f. Service shall be provided by appointment only;
  - g. The business shall maintain a record of staff working hours by date and time for purposes of COVID-19 contact tracing; if such recordkeeping is done manually, sanitizing measures must be taken on the instruments used for recordkeeping in between use;
  - h. Patrons in waiting areas shall remain 6 feet apart; waiting areas must have floor markers to indicate proper spacing;
  - i. Cleaning and sanitizing shall be completed after each patron is served, including hand washing and surface sanitation;
  - j. The business shall not operate without appropriate protective equipment for staff (face coverings, etc.), EPA-approved disinfectants and sanitizers, soap and other necessary cleaning supplies;
  - k. The business shall encourage contactless and non-signature payment; if not possible for the customer, card and payment stations must be sanitized after each use; staff shall sanitize hands between handling payment options; and
  - l. Signage must remind customers not to enter the business if they have symptoms of COVID-19, and the signage must be displayed at the business entrance.
2. The restrictions imposed by this Order do not prohibit owners, employees, contractors, vendors, or suppliers of the services listed above from entering, exiting, or occupying that place of business in their professional capacity.
  3. Specific service provider exceptions to the restrictions within this Order may be granted, at the discretion of the County Health Officer, under the direction and supervision of the State Health Officer, if demonstrated, in writing, to the County Health Officer that effective cleaning and safety measures are implemented by the service provider. Any specific exception under this paragraph shall be approved in writing by the State Health Officer and

may be modified or revoked by the County Health Officer under the supervision and direction of the State Health Officer.

4. Countywide variances to the restrictions in this Order may be granted in the form of a Countywide Variance Order if approved and signed by both the County Health Officer and the State Health Officer. Countywide Variance Orders may be less restrictive (or more restrictive) than the measures imposed in this Order.
5. This Order is entered in conjunction with the statewide public health orders titled “Fifth Continuation, and Modification, of Statewide Public Health Order Regarding Bars, Restaurants, Theaters, Gymnasiums, Child Care Facilities, K-12 Schools, Colleges, Universities, and Trade Schools”, entered May 27, 2020, and “Fifth Continuation, and Modification, of Statewide Public Health Order #2: Regarding Gatherings of More Than Twenty-Five (25) People”, entered May 27, 2020.
6. This Order supersedes all individual county health orders currently in effect.

As the State Health Officer, I specifically deem this Order necessary to protect the public health. *See* Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-1-240(a)(i), (ii), and (iv). I will reassess the necessity of this Order as appropriate to do so and according to accepted epidemiological and medical standards. Any person or legal entity that violates this Order shall be subject to criminal prosecution under Wyo. Stat. Ann. §§ 35-1-105 and -106.

DATED THIS 27 DAY OF May, 2020.



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Alexia Harrist  
Wyoming State Health Officer

## News

### Street Closures - 5/21/20

#### 8th Street ~ Brooks Avenue ~ 7th Street ~ Flying Circle Drive ~ Gallery View Drive ~ 6th Street ~ Green Avenue ~ Carey Avenue

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#### Street Closure Map

The City of Gillette announces the following road and lane closures:

##### **8th Street-Extension**

8th Street will be closed from Warren Avenue to Gillette Avenue through May 29th. The reason for this closure is for street repairs associated with the 2020 Pavement Management Schedule project funded by Penny Power.

##### **Brooks Avenue**

Brooks Avenue will be closed from 6th Street to 8th Street from April 27th through May 26th. The 7th Street intersection will remain open. The reason for this closure is for street repairs associated with the 2020 Pavement Management Schedule project funded by Penny Power.

##### **7th Street at Brooks Avenue**

7th Street will be closed at the intersection with Brooks Avenue from May 22nd through June 5th. The reason for this closure is for street repairs associated with the 2020 Pavement Management Schedule project funded by Penny Power.

##### **Flying Circle Drive**

Flying Circle Drive will be closed from Jack Plane Lane to Shipwheel Lane from May 11th through June 21st. The reason for this closure is for street repairs associated with the 2020 Pavement Management Schedule project funded by Penny Power.

##### **Gallery View Drive**

Gallery View Drive will be closed from Patty Avenue to 500 feet east from May 19th through June 1st. The reason for this closure is road reconstruction as part of the Crestview Utility Extensions Project.

##### **6th Street and Green Avenue**

6th Street will be closed from Highway 59 to Gurley Avenue from June 1st through June 30th. Green Avenue will be closed at the intersection of 6th Street. The reason for this closure is for installation of a new water main as part of the 2020 Water Main Replacement Project funded by Penny Power.

##### **6th Street and Carey Avenue**

6th Street will be closed from Kendrick Avenue to Emerson Avenue from May 20th through June 8th. The reason for this closure is for street repairs associated with the 2020 Pavement Management Schedule project funded by Penny Power.

##### **Westover Road**

The eastbound lane of Westover Road will be closed just west of Fairway Drive from May 26th through June 2nd. The reason for this closure is for repairs to a water service.

## **Highway 50**

Significant construction activities will continue on Highway 50 from Lakeway Road to Southern Drive from May 2020 through June 2020. During this timeframe, traffic control devices and flaggers will facilitate 1-way traffic in both directions. Expect delays. The traveling public is encouraged to use alternate routes when possible. Truck traffic is strongly encouraged to use alternate routes. This is a WYDOT project.

For more information contact [Communications Manager Geno Palazzari](#) at (307) 686-5393.

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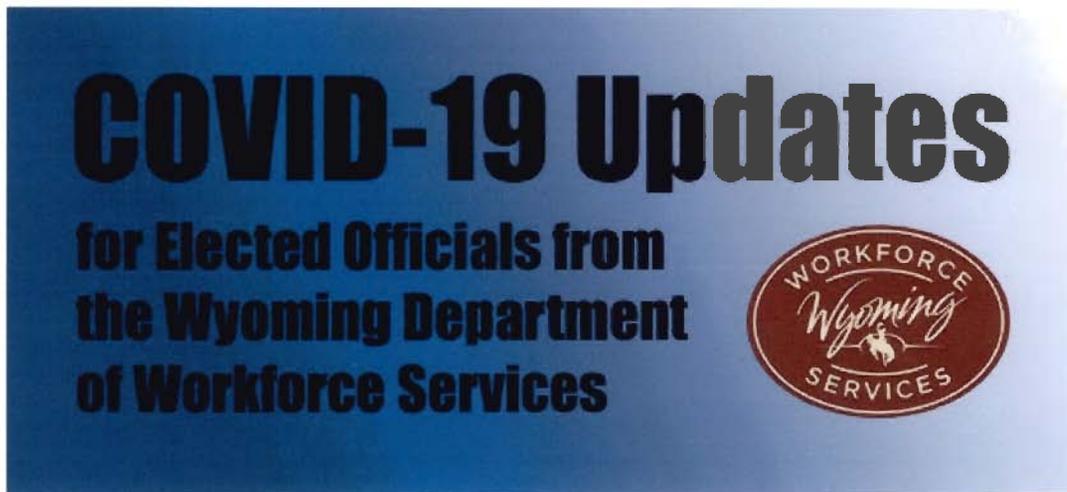
## May 27 COVID-19 updates for elected officials from the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services

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Dear Wyoming Elected Officials,

In order to continue to keep Wyoming's citizens informed of the options available to them during this COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) is continuing to offer its Virtual Town Hall Series weekly. This week's session will focus on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) component of the CARES Act. The PEUC is the 13-week extension available to those who have exhausted their 26 weeks of regular Unemployment Insurance benefits but are still affected by COVID-19.

The Virtual Town Hall Series: PEUC 13-week Extension will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, May 29. Attendees will need to register for the Town Hall, and they can do so [here](#).

**Call center update**

## In the News

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### **Wyoming employers to receive Workers' Compensation premium credit**

5/21/2020 -- The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services (DWS) will be issuing premium credits to eligible Wyoming employers enrolled in the Workers' Compensation program starting this July.

[See the release here >>](#)

### **DWS enlists call center to assist with unemployment claims**

The Unemployment Insurance division continues to respond to an unprecedented number of calls from claimants. We have published a dashboard of claims data [on our website](#), and this dashboard shows the number of calls we have received each day.

Our call volume has declined from more than 600 or even 700 calls a day in April to roughly 400 a day in May, but on May 18, we launched our external call center. The call center answered 1,078 calls that first day, allowing our Unemployment Insurance specialists to focus on more complex calls that required access to claimants' accounts.

During the first week of the external call center's operation, the call center took 3,588 calls. As I mentioned last week, the call center has implemented its Google Artificial Intelligence system to more efficiently answer questions or route callers to technicians who can assist them. We continue to fine-tune that AI system to ensure callers get the best assistance possible.

### **Workers' Compensation premium credits**

Two one-time premium credits for Workers' Compensation will be a blessing to employers working to bring their businesses back to full operation as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. The credits are the result of bills passed in the 2020 Legislature and in the recent special session of the Legislature.

Each is an 8.33% credit, for a total of 16.66%, which can be used by employers toward their Workers' Compensation premiums. This represents approximately two months of premiums for each employer. Many thanks to our legislators for this much-needed credit.

### **Unemployment rate rises, but remains among nation's lowest**

Wyoming's unemployment rate rose from 3.8% in March to 9.2% in April. Given the large number of layoffs and other economic disruptions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the increase in unemployment was widely expected. Job losses were seen across all areas of the state and in every major industry, with the hardest-hit sectors being leisure & hospitality, natural resources & mining, and retail trade. Despite the large increase from March to April, Wyoming's unemployment rate was significantly lower than the current U.S. rate of 14.7%.

5/18/2020 -- The Department of Workforce Services (DWS) is contracting with 30 additional call center agents in order to reduce the hold times and process the unprecedented number of Unemployment Insurance claims the agency has been receiving. [See the release here >>](#)

### **DWS now paying UI for self-employed, contractors & others**

5/1/2020 -- DWS is now accepting UI applications from those individuals who do not qualify for regular Unemployment Insurance benefits, but do qualify for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program. [See the release here >>](#)

### **DWS hosts virtual town hall on PUA**

4/27/2020 -- The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services (DWS) will hold a virtual town hall to provide information about Pandemic Unemployment Insurance programs, as well as answer questions from job seekers and employers. [See the release here >>](#)

### **Wyoming residents have received more than \$42M in UI aid during pandemic**

4/24/2020 -- Since the coronavirus pandemic began in Wyoming, workers in the state have received more than \$42 million in Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits from a combination of federal emergency aid and the state UI fund. [See the release here >>](#)

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## **Resources**

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Wyoming's unemployment rate was the fifth lowest of the 50 states in April.

We will continue to keep you up to date on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our workforce.

We're in this together,

**Robin Sessions Cooley**  
**Director**  
**Wyoming Department of**  
**Workforce Services**

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Appreciate your support  
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Dear City of Gillette,

Thank you so much  
for your continued  
support. Personal Fortiers  
understands that hard  
decisions have to be  
made and are so  
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