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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Patrick G. Davidson, City Administrator
RE: General Information
DATE: July 31, 2020

PGD FOR: PGD
7-31-2020

The following meetings are scheduled for the week of **August 1-7, 2020**

Tuesday, August 4th

6:30 p.m. City Council Pre-Meeting, Agenda Attached

- Introduction of Municipal Judge Nominee
- Review August 4, 2020 Council Agenda
- City Hall – 2nd Floor Community Room
- Dinner Served at 6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

City Hall – Council Chambers

1. Attached please find a **news release** regarding **Extension of Current Public Health Orders Continues Through August 15** dated **July 28, 2020** provided by the **Office of Governor Mark Gordon**.
2. Attached please find a **news release** regarding **Governor Announces Applications for \$225M in Business Relief Funding Open on August 4** dated **July 29, 2020** provided by the **Office of Governor Mark Gordon**.
3. Attached please find a **news release** regarding **Avenues of Art Scavenger Hunt** dated **July 28, 2020** provided by **Communications Manager Palazzari**.
4. Attached please find **Covid-19 Updates** for **Elected Officials** dated **July 29, 2020** provided by **Wyoming Workforce Services**.

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Pre-Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
City Hall – 2nd Floor Community Room
Tuesday, August 4, 2020
Dinner Served at 6:00 p.m.

Pre-Meeting Topic(s):

- Introduction of Municipal Court Judge Nominee
- Review August 4th Council Agenda

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Extension of Current Public Health Orders Continues Through August 15

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 28, 2020

CONTACT: Michael Pearlman, Communications Director

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Extension of Current Public Health Orders Continues Through August 15

CHEYENNE, Wyo. – Governor Mark Gordon has announced that Wyoming’s current public health orders will remain in place through August 15 as cases of COVID-19 continue to rise in the state.

“It is important for all of us to remain vigilant as we continue to see case numbers increase statewide,” Governor Gordon said. “We are approaching a critical time for our state’s economy. So far, Wyoming has been able to keep our businesses open and our citizens safe. That’s good for our economy and good for the health of our people.”

“As we look towards the fall, we must remember that continued business expansion is a fragile thing and depends on each citizen doing their best to keep our economy flourishing,” the Governor continued. “I sincerely thank those Wyoming citizens who are taking action to keep our businesses open by voluntarily wearing a mask when you can’t socially distance.”

Public Health Order No. 1 has been updated to provide more specific guidelines for school operations. This includes a continuation of the existing requirement that students wear face coverings in situations where 6 feet of separation cannot be maintained. Specific exemptions are listed in the orders. The Wyoming Office of Homeland Security and Wyoming Department of Education have partnered to distribute 500,000 cloth face coverings to school districts around the state. School districts have until Aug. 3 to submit their Smart Start reopening plans to the Department of Education.

Over the past 14 days, Wyoming has averaged 37 lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 per day, with 523 new cases confirmed since July 12. From June 28-July 12, Wyoming averaged 28 new cases per day and there were 385 lab-confirmed cases reported. On July 28, the state reported 64 lab-confirmed cases, the highest single-day total since the pandemic began.

The Wyoming Department of Health and the Governor continue to strongly recommend the use of face coverings in public settings where it is not possible or reasonable to stay physically apart. On Wyoming's COVID-19 dashboard the categories of number of new cases and new hospitalizations continue to be rated, "Concerning."

The continuing orders allow gatherings up to 50 persons in a confined space to occur without restrictions and permit events of up to 250 persons with social distancing and increased sanitization measures in place. Faith-based gatherings such as church services and funeral homes will continue to be permitted to operate without restrictions, with appropriate social distancing encouraged. The public health restrictions that apply to restaurants, bars, gyms and performance spaces will remain in place.

As of July 28, Wyoming has recorded 2,136 lab-confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, 453 probable cases and 26 deaths.

The updated public health orders are attached and can be found on Wyoming's [COVID-19 website](#)

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Governor Announces Applications for \$225M in Business Relief Funding Open on August 4

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 29, 2020

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Governor Announces Applications for \$225M in Business Relief Funding Open on August 4

CHEYENNE, Wyo. – Governor Mark Gordon announced that applications for the next two waves of funding under the COVID-19 Business Relief Program will open to Wyoming businesses and nonprofits at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4.

The Relief Fund and Mitigation Fund make an additional \$225 million available to Wyoming businesses and nonprofits that have experienced hardship related to the COVID-19 crisis. Visit wyobizrelief.org Tuesday after 10 a.m. to apply.

“This much-needed funding is a lifeline to businesses and nonprofits hurt by COVID-19, and vital to our efforts to support Wyoming’s economy and our communities,” Governor Gordon said. The Governor signed the [emergency rules](#) for both programs on July 27.

"It's tough to gauge the demand and frequency of applications prior to the launch of these two programs, so now is a good time for businesses and nonprofits to familiarize themselves with all of the helpful tools and information at wyobizrelief.org if they haven't already done so," Business Council CEO Josh Dorrell said. "There are FAQs, live and recorded informational webinar opportunities, and a grant calculator graphic you can work on with your lender or accountant in order to submit a solid application as quickly and efficiently as possible."

The Relief Fund has \$50 million set aside for businesses and nonprofits required to close by public health order and an additional \$125 million available to cover COVID-19 related expenses and direct or indirect losses due to public health orders. Awards up to \$300,000 are available and businesses must employ 100 or fewer people. Eligible nonprofits include 501(c)(3), 501(c)(6), 501(c)(12) and 501(c)(19) with at least one paid full-time employee and no more than 50 percent of time spent on lobbying.

The Mitigation Fund reimburses all Wyoming businesses and nonprofits that have incurred employee and customer health and safety expenses that were a direct impact of COVID-19. The Mitigation Fund has \$50 million available with awards up to \$500,000.

Currently, half of these funds are available for businesses and nonprofits that have already incurred COVID-19 related losses or expenses. The remaining funds will be dispersed at a later date to ensure funding is available to assist entities that anticipate losses and expenses later in the year.

ABOUT THE COVID-19 BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAM

In May 2020, the Wyoming Legislature created three programs to distribute \$325 million in federal CARES Act funding to Wyoming businesses and nonprofits that have experienced hardship related to the COVID-19 crisis. The Wyoming Business Council is distributing these dollars through the COVID-19 Business Relief Program, which has been broken down into three funds – the Interruption Fund, the Relief Fund, and the Mitigation Fund. Go to wyobizrelief.org to stay informed about program details and to register to receive Business Council news releases.

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News

Avenues of Art Scavenger Hunt

You could win \$200 in Gold Bucks

Post Date: 07/28/2020 10:00 AM

The Mayor's Art Council is excited to announce that they have 5 new sculptures on loan to the Avenues of Art Program for 2020!

The Mayor's Art Council is hosting a SCAVENGER HUNT for these new pieces through August 14th at 5:00 p.m. 5 winners will be selected to win \$200 in GOLD BUCKS.

Following are the requirements to be eligible to win:

- ~ Individuals must submit photos of all five (5) new sculptures in their current locations around town; photos can be submitted by private message through the Mayor's Art Council Facebook page or by email to mayorsartcouncil@gmail.com.
- ~ Submissions will be accepted until 5pm on Friday, Aug 14th
- ~ Submissions will be verified as correct and will be placed into a pool; from there, five (5) submissions will be drawn at random.
- ~ Questions can be directed to Administration at 686-5203

Attached is a photo of the new sculptures, we hope you will take the opportunity to participate and get out and enjoy all of the beautiful artwork in our community!



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July 29 COVID-19 updates for elected officials from the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services

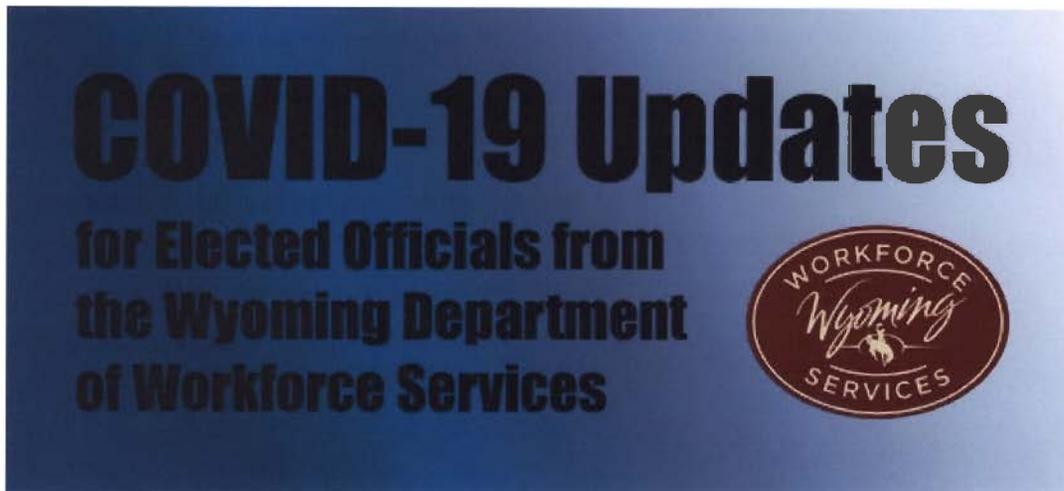
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Wed, Jul 29, 2020 at 3:23 PM

Reply-To: Wy.dws@public.govdelivery.com

To: angelaw@gillettewy.gov



Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Dear Wyoming Elected Officials,

As Governor Gordon noted in his press conference yesterday, Wyoming has been fortunate to be less affected by the COVID-19 pandemic than some other states have been. Infections per 100,000 are lower, our state has a lower percentage of business closures, and Wyoming's unemployment rate is lower than most other states.

As you well know, the pandemic has not left Wyoming untouched, however, and many folks are still dealing with joblessness. With the sunset of the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program on July 25, the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) is here to help those who are struggling to find work. DWS has [communicated](#) directly to every Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimant explaining those services. Furthermore, as we await federal legislation that may provide additional assistance, DWS continues to distribute Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA),

In the News

DWS announces new Internship Grant program

7/29/20 – The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services (DWS) is offering grants to businesses through the Workforce Development Training Fund (WDTF) to support internship opportunities for up to \$12,480 per intern.

[See the release here >>](#)

WWDC seeks input on Reimagine Workforce Preparation Grant application

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), regular UI and extended state benefits to those who are eligible. More information about those programs has also been sent directly to UI claimants.

As Congress continues to work out the details of a new plan to provide additional unemployment assistance, DWS stands ready to begin the process of implementing any new programs as quickly as possible. Once these new programs are identified, we want to thank you in advance for your help to explain our implementation timelines to your constituents. We have worked with our national organizations and other states to clarify that state UI agencies will need less implementation time to reconfigure our systems to pay a set dollar amount above the state UI benefit than would be required if the new plan included a percentage calculation related to the individual claimant. In either case, however, once the program is identified, we will outline a general timeline to work from to get funds out to our fellow citizens.

Internship grant now available

I am pleased to announce that DWS now has grants available to businesses through the Workforce Development Training Fund (WDTF) to support internship opportunities for up to \$12,480 per intern.

Preference will be given to businesses in preferred industries as defined by the [Wyoming Workforce Development Council](#). The application can be found [here](#).

Internship Grant funding may be used on a reimbursement basis for up to \$12/hour and up to 1,040 hours/state fiscal year. Businesses with 1-8 employees may have one intern; those with 9-49 employees may have two interns; and businesses with 50 or more employees may have up to three interns.

Internship Grants are also available for businesses responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. These grants follow the same guidelines as the WDTF Internship Grants and will additionally require evidence of a public health and/or economic relief component in the proposed structured learning experience.

For more information about the WDTF Internship Grant program, please call 307-777-8717, or read the [press](#)

7/20/2020 -- The Wyoming Workforce Development Council (WWDC) is seeking input on a new CARES Act grant opportunity to provide funding to promote short term training and entrepreneurship. The U.S. Department of Education is making \$127.5 million available to states through Reimagine Workforce Preparation Grants. Workforce development boards are charged with developing the application.

[See the release here >>](#)

DWS focuses on resolving claims with "Issues on File"

7/14/2020 -- In light of the unprecedented numbers of unemployment claims being filed, DWS announced today that its Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims office will not be available by phone each Wednesday for the next three weeks, beginning July 15, in order to allow claims personnel to resolve a number of outstanding claims where one or more "issues on file" are present.

[See the release here >>](#)

Unemployment Insurance offers expanded call center hours

7/13/2020 -- The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in unprecedented incidences of job losses by Wyoming workers. These losses have resulted in record numbers of claims to the Unemployment Insurance division of the DWS.

[See the release here >>](#)

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release.

We're in this together,

Robin Sessions Cooley
Director
Wyoming Department of
Workforce Services

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