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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Patrick G. Davidson, City Administrator
RE: General Information
DATE: August 28, 2020

The following meetings are scheduled for the week of **August 29 – September 4, 2020**

Tuesday, September 1st

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

- Wastewater COVID Testing Discussion – Utilities Director Cole
- Lakeway Construction Discussion – Development Services Director Muzzarelli
- Review September 1, 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 the **current monthly calendar** for **September 2020**.
2. Attached please find a **news release** regarding **Governor Calls First 10% State Budget Cuts "Devastating but Necessary"** dated **August 26, 2020** provided by the **Office of Governor Mark Gordon**.
3. Attached please find a **news release** regarding **Public Health Orders Extended Without Changes** dated **August 27, 2020** provided by the **Office of Governor Mark Gordon**.
4. Attached please find a **weekly pothole update** dated **August 28, 2020** provided by **Development Services Director Muzzarelli**.
5. Attached please find **Covid-19 Updates for Elected Officials** dated **August 26, 2020** provided by **Wyoming Workforce Services**.

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Pre-Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
City Hall – 2nd Floor Community Room
Tuesday, September 1, 2020
Dinner Served at 6:00 p.m.

Pre-Meeting Topic(s):

- Wastewater COVID Testing Discussion – Utilities Director Cole
- Lakeway Construction Discussion – Development Services Director Muzzarelli
- Review September 1st Council Agenda

SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 City Council Pre-Meeting, 6:30PM- 2nd FL Wastewater Covid Testing Discussion Lakeway Construction Discussion City Council Meeting, 7PM, Council Chambers	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day City Offices Closed  HAPPY LABOR DAY	8 City Council Work Session - 6PM - Council Chambers Backyard Chicken Ordinance Discussion	9	10 League of Women Voters Forum 6PM - Council Chambers	11 League of Women Voters Forum 6PM - Council Chambers	12
13	14 League of Women Voters Forum 6PM - Council Chambers	15 City Council Pre-Meeting, 6PM- 2nd FL Quarterly Update - Gillette College Employee Benefits & Handbook Presentation City Council Meeting, 7PM, Council Chambers	16	17	18 Councilman Montgomery Birthday 	19
20	21	22 City Council Work Session - 6PM - 2nd FL	23	24 Senior Center Luncheon 12PM - Senior Center	25	26
27	28	29 City Council Work Session - 6PM - 2nd FL Employee Appreciation Holiday Discussion Zoning Rewrite Discussion	30			

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Governor Calls First 10% State Budget Cuts “Devastating but Necessary”

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 26, 2020

CONTACT: Michael Pearlman, Communications Director

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Governor Calls First 10% State Budget Cuts “Devastating but Necessary”

CHEYENNE, Wyo. – Governor Mark Gordon has finalized the first round of state budget cuts totaling more than \$250 million, with an additional \$80 million in cuts to maintenance of state buildings and those at the university and community colleges. The 10% cuts to state agencies, boards and commissions will have significant effects on Wyoming communities and citizens, as the cuts will impact important services that people depend on and will reduce general fund dollars that enter the private sector.

The Department of Health, with the state’s largest budget, will see a 9% cut totaling approximately \$90 million. Department of Health programs facing cuts and elimination include those that serve senior citizens, disabled individuals and those with very low incomes. Among the cuts are the phased elimination of the Wyoming Home Services program, an Aging Division program which provides services to individuals who are at risk of premature institutionalization; elimination of some immunization funding for children; and a reduction in funding for early childhood developmental and educational programs.

The University of Wyoming and the state's community colleges had their budgets cut by 10% as well. As the Boards of Trustees implement those cuts and address other revenue shortfalls, program cuts have already occurred and more are likely. These cuts will mean reduced higher education options for Wyoming students. One program cut was to Wyoming Works, an initiative the Governor supported to help enhance the state's workforce.

The Department of Family Services is eliminating vacant positions in the state office and field offices across the state, including at the Boys School in Worland and the Girls School in Sheridan. Additionally, this means fewer people to work on foster care and child protection. DFS cuts also mean the defunding of the Community Juvenile Services Boards, which are county-based diversion programs to prevent juvenile incarceration, and the burial program, which pays up to \$500 to funeral homes for burial expenses for the indigent.

The Department of Corrections will also see significant cuts to programs that keep the public safe. Parole agents will now be required to supervise additional offenders, and programs that help inmates re-enter Wyoming communities and not reoffend will see reductions in funding.

"These cuts that we have made are devastating, but necessary given the state's fiscal picture," Governor Gordon said. "A third of our revenue has dried up since the beginning of the year. I am Constitutionally required to balance the budget. Our state cannot deficit spend the way the Federal Government can. Just to manage this crisis, difficult decisions had to be made."

"None of them are easy, nor are they designed to highlight critical programs for political effect," the Governor continued. "These are the types of cuts we will continue to have to make to get our budget in balance. These hurt, and what comes next hurts more. I recognize the impact these cuts will have on Wyoming families and I am truly saddened that we had to make them."

The Department of Health, Corrections, Family Services, the University of Wyoming and the community colleges make up two-thirds of the state's general fund budget.

The Governor continues to consider options for addressing the remaining \$500 million shortfall, an amount just slightly larger than the entire contribution from the State to the University of Wyoming. State agencies have already developed proposals on further cuts to services, and the Governor is working with legislators on other options, all of which require legislative action.

On top of these cuts the Governor has put in place furloughs for higher paid state employees and is consolidating human resources across government.

Additional details on each agency's budget cuts are now posted on the Budget Division's website [here](#).

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Public Health Orders Extended Without Changes

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 27, 2020

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Public Health Orders Extended Without Changes

CHEYENNE, Wyo. – An extension to Wyoming’s current public health orders released today by the Wyoming Department of Health contain no changes.

The orders, which remain in effect through September 15, continue to allow outdoor gatherings of no more than 50% of venue capacity, with a maximum of 1,000 people as long as social distancing and increased sanitization measures are in place. Indoor gatherings in a confined space remain limited to 50 persons without restrictions and 250 persons if social distancing and sanitization measures are incorporated.

The public health restrictions that apply to restaurants, bars, gyms, performance spaces and personal care services also remain unchanged, as does a requirement that students in schools wear face coverings in situations where 6 feet of separation cannot be maintained. Specific exemptions are listed in the orders.

Over the past 14 days, Wyoming has averaged 35 lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 per day, compared to an average of 27 cases per

day for the period of July 30-August 12. More than 104,000 tests have been completed by the Wyoming Public Health Laboratory and private reference laboratories as of August 27.

The Wyoming Department of Health and Governor Gordon 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."

As of August 27, Wyoming has recorded 3,166 lab-confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, 556 probable cases and 37 deaths.

The updated orders are attached and can be found online at <https://covid19.wyo.gov/governors-orders>

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- [Eleventh Continuation of Order 2.pdf](#)
- [Eleventh Continuation of Order 1.pdf](#)
- [Eleventh Continuation of Order 3.pdf](#)



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WEEKLY POTHOLE UPDATE
AUGUST 28, 2020

Address	Business	Current Status and Open Date	Recent Action		Next Step If No Action on Part of Owner
2610 S Douglas Hwy	Powder Basin Shopping Center	Open (Open on December 19, 2019)	Sent Final Notice of Violation, August 13, 2020	Required to correct violation by September 11, 2020	Notice and Order for Abatement
2126 S Douglas Hwy	Papa Murphy's Pizza	Open (Open on May, 28 2020)	Call on August 7, 2020 to confirm commitment to make repairs.	No Action Occuring. No Contact from Owner.	Final Notice of Violation by August 31, 2020
2107 S Douglas Hwy	Las Margaritas	Closed (Open on June 11, 2020)	Owner Made Repairs		None
2150 S Douglas Hwy	Hobby Lobby	Open (Open on June 23, 2020)	Contractor provided temporary fix	Talked with Contractor. Preparing plan to fix more than what was required. Expected to learn plan week of August 31st.	Final Notice of Violation by August 31, 2020
2001 S Douglas Hwy	W.M. Grace Property, North of Dairy Queen	Open (Open on August 5, 2020)	Sent initial letter on August 7, 2020	Received email from owner. Owner getting plan by August 26th.	Final Notice of Violation by August 31, 2020
2005 S Douglas Hwy	Office Depot	Open (Open on August 5, 2020)	Sent letter on August 7, 2020	No Response from Owner	Final Notice of Violation by August 31, 2020



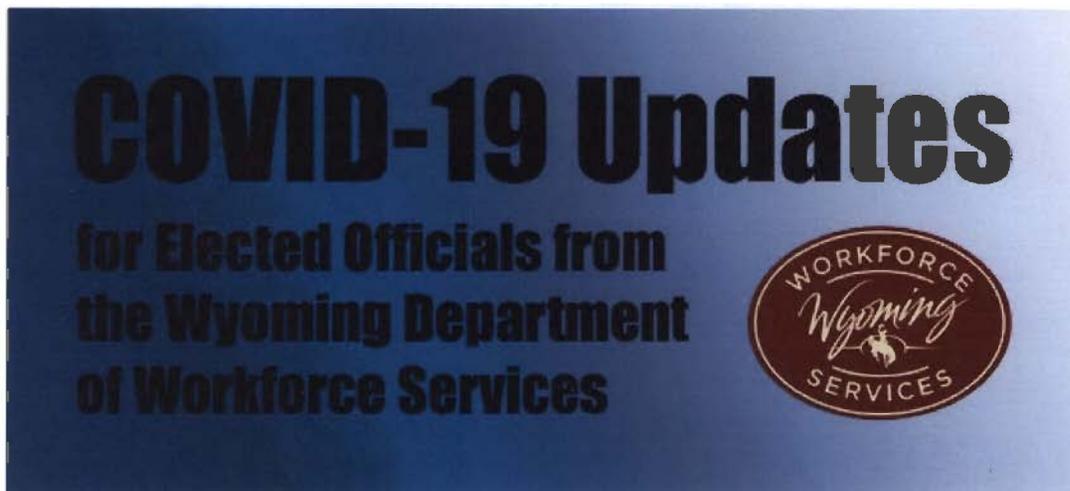
Angela Williams <angelaw@gillettewy.gov>

Aug. 26 COVID-19 updates for elected officials from the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services

1 message

Wyoming Department of Workforce Services <Wy.dws@public.govdelivery.com>
Reply-To: Wy.dws@public.govdelivery.com
To: angelaw@gillettewy.gov

Wed, Aug 26, 2020 at 3:26 PM



Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2020

Dear Wyoming Elected Officials,

The State of Wyoming has submitted its application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to receive grant funding through the Lost Wages Supplemental Payment Assistance Program (LWA).

The grant will provide a weekly \$300 payment to eligible Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants, in addition to regular UI benefits or the federal unemployment insurance programs created by the CARES Act, and payments will be retroactive to July 26. The Department of Workforce Services' (DWS) UI division is working to program its system for LWA claims, though the programming will take time to complete before payments can be made to claimants.

We will keep you informed as to the status of the LWA program as we receive updates. For more about LWA, please visit our [COVID-19 Newsroom page](#).

In the News

Wyoming applies for Lost Wages Assistance Grant funding

8/11/2020 – The State of Wyoming will submit its application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to receive grant funding through the Lost Wages Supplemental Payment Assistance Program (LWA). The program provides additional benefits to Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants who meet the LWA eligibility requirements.

[See the release here >>](#)

Reopening Wyoming

DWS has been asked to brief the Legislature's Minerals Committee on the steps being taken to bring Wyoming's economy back to its pre-pandemic strength. Please feel free to tune in for the meeting at 8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28. You can find a link to the meeting on the [Legislature's website](#).

There are a lot of exciting workforce development opportunities right now, and pulling them together into one document to share with the Minerals Committee allowed me to reflect on our agency's scope of service. That document [can be found here](#), as well as in the Resources link at the bottom of the the right side of this newsletter.

DWS stands ready to assist businesses and workers during these trying times, and whether we're talking about grants to help individuals transition to better paying careers, magnifying apprenticeship opportunities, or advancing Next Gen Sector Partnerships to increase the economic vitality and diversification of our state, the opportunities are highly encouraging.

The creativity and fortitude of the people of Wyoming is heartening, and I'm confident we will get through this together.

Robin Sessions Cooley
Director
Wyoming Department of
Workforce Services

Job searches required for Unemployment Insurance

8/11/2020 -- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the work search requirement for many Unemployment Insurance claimants was suspended temporarily. But now that businesses are opening again, the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) reminds UI claimants that a minimum of two work searches must be completed each week in order to continue receiving UI benefits.

[See the release here >>](#)

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