



Dear Businesses and Citizens of Washakie County,

On this date, March 18, 2020, the county received the following recommendation from the State Health Officer and Governor. At this Point in time the Incident Management Team, County Attorney, County Health Officer, County Sherriff, and County Commissioners wish to inform you of the following recommendation as stated below. This recommendation may become an order at any time if the State Health Officer determines to do so.

WHEREAS, Mark Gordon, Governor of the State of Wyoming, declared a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency in the State of Wyoming on March 13, 2020, 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 outbreak of the novel coronavirus as of March 11, 2020. The Declaration of a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency directs the Director of the Wyoming Department of Health to take all appropriate and necessary actions and in the Director's judgment any actions necessary to provide aid to those locations where there is a threat or danger to public health, safety and welfare. The proposed order reads impart as follows:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a method to control the community spread of the coronavirus is to close certain public places; and

WHEREAS, this Proposed Order may reduce the likelihood that individuals that may have been exposed to COVID-19 will spread the virus to others, and therefore is

entered to protect the health of the public. By reducing the spread of the virus, this Proposed Order will help preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity in Washakie County. This Proposed Order is further entered to prevent circumstances often present in public places that may exacerbate the spread of the virus such as: (1) the increased likelihood that gathering in a public place will attract people from a broader geographic area; (2) the prolonged time period in which significant numbers of people are in close proximity; (3) the difficulty in tracing exposure when many people attend a single public place; and (4) the inability to ensure that attendees follow adequate hygiene practices in public places; and

WHEREAS, implementation and limitations on public places and use of social distancing prevent initial exposure and secondary transmission to our most vulnerable populations, and are especially important for people over 60 years old and those with chronic health conditions due to the higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, per the new guidelines issued from the White House Government as of March 16, 2020, that with evidence of community transmission, bars, restaurants, food courts, gyms, and other indoor and outdoor venues where groups of people congregate should be closed.

The Proposed Order would close the following or alter the operations of the following establishments in Washakie County, Wyoming:

Theaters (film or stage);

Bars, nightclubs, saloons, taverns, tasting rooms;

Coffee shops;

Employee cafeterias;

Self-serve buffets;

Salad bars;

Unpackaged self-serve food services;

Golf clubs and country clubs;

Communal pools, hot tubs, locker rooms, saunas, steam rooms, fitness centers, gyms, conference rooms, and spas; and

Museums.

If this order is further implemented, then restaurants may remain open if the restaurant notifies Jamie George, Health Inspector that they intend to remain open and follow these procedures. She can be contacted at 307-267-2054 or [jamie.george@wyo.gov](mailto:jamie.george@wyo.gov).

1. Prohibition on all dine-in food service, whether inside or outside the establishment and prohibition on admitting guests, patrons, customers inside the establishment.
2. Allow curbside take-out or drive-thru food service, discouraging the customer from using cash as a payment method. Staff who take cash or credit card payments shall use cleansing measures between transactions, including use of best practices issued by the Jamie George, Food Inspector. Where possible, online and telephonic credit card transactions are highly encouraged (e.g. Venom, Squarecash, Google pay, Apple Pay and similar payment apps). Staff

who handle cash or credit cards shall not be involved in the preparation, handling, or delivery of food.

3. Employees must take food items to the curb exchange through the vehicle window.
4. For hotel restaurants, food items may only be delivered as room service or curbside service as described above.
5. Management shall ensure, on a daily basis that no employee who presents symptoms of illness will be permitted to work.

At this time, the group wishes to advise that the State Health Officer may at any time choose to make these recommendation an order. That order will have to be obeyed.

This group recommends you take this recommendation into consideration and do what you can to implement your own precautions. Please be prepared to do the best that you can.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Zimmerman MD', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Ed Zimmerman

Washakie County Public Health Officer