

MEMO: Boards and Commissions

To: the above listed

Addressing continued use of the council chambers for meetings following the closure of the town hall to the general public except by appointment, telephone, mail, email , text or social media

From: Mayor John Zeiger

Following the Dr.'s Panel discussion today encouraging stay-at-home and social distancing, and reviewing the Statewide Public Health Order #2 from the Department of Health prohibiting gatherings of ten or more, as much as possible, which included state and local government facilities, including governmental service centers

Therefore, we are closing town hall to all meetings, including boards and Commission meetings, except for modified and shortened council meetings.

The council meetings will have a modified agenda allowing ten in attendance each sitting at a distance of six feet apart.

With assistance from the Saratoga Sun and BigFoot Radio council meetings will be live streamed with call in capabilities.

As noted by the State Health Officer, " I deem this Order necessary to protect the public health, *See* Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-1-204 (a)(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. State. Ann. §§ 35-1-105 and -106".

And as Updated: March 27, 2020

Governor, State Health Officer extend Statewide Public Health Orders through April 17

CHEYENNE, Wyo. – Governor Mark Gordon and State Health Officer Dr. Alexia Harrist have extended the three existing statewide health orders through April 17 to slow community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) and protect lives.

Current orders closing public places including schools, prohibiting gatherings of 10 people or more in a single room or confined space (including outdoors) and closing bars, restaurants, coffee shops and some personal services businesses will continue through April 17. Food establishments can continue to provide take out and delivery services.

"I have extended these orders in consultation with Dr. Harrist," Governor Gordon said. "Because we've seen cases identified in additional counties and growth in the case numbers, it's clear how important it is for us to take sustained action. I understand the ongoing strain that these measures are having on businesses, workers and Wyoming communities. But it is imperative that our citizens respond to this public health crisis by staying home whenever possible and practicing proper social distancing when they must go out. This is how we can save lives and protect people's health."

Dr. Harrist emphasized the extension of the current orders is necessary because it takes time for social distancing measures to effectively slow the spread of COVID-19 and to monitor the

impacts of those measures on the outbreak in Wyoming.

“The best tool we have to reduce the potential burden on our healthcare system and save lives is for all of us to limit our contact with other people as much as possible,” Dr. Harrist said. “Of course it is most important for people who are ill to stay home unless they need medical attention.”

The Governor is in continuous communication with Wyoming Department of Health officials and is prepared to issue updated guidance– including further statewide orders– should conditions warrant.

As of March 27, the Wyoming Department of Health is reporting 70 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in 13 Wyoming counties.

Respectfully,

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Choosing right over wrong, ethics over convenience, and truth over popularity...
These are the choices that measure your life.
Travel the Path of Integrity without looking back, for there is never a wrong time to do the right thing.