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This session is being recorded and will be made available to the general public as soon as possible via the WBC website.
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Wyoming will begin easing restrictions for some businesses to open their doors to the public and enhance customer service offerings. This measured approach recognizes the ever-changing realities of COVID-19 as well as the fact that conditions can vary greatly county-to-county.

**WHAT IS CHANGING MAY 1**

**METRIC DASHBOARD**
BUSINESSES ARE STILL OPEN
CHILD CARE
RESTAURANTS & DINING

**GYMS & FITNESS**
PERSONAL SERVICES
VARIANCE/EXCEPTIONS

The public is expected to continue to follow state and county guidelines and is asked to continue following public health recommendations such as: limiting contact with other people staying home when sick unless medical care is needed and taking common-sense precautions such as washing hands often and well. Working together and thinking of others will help slow the spread of the virus and allow more businesses to ease restrictions.
COVID-19 DASHBOARD: Statewide Metrics

WHAT IS CHANGING MAY 1

AS OF APRIL 28, 2020

NEW CASES
Have there been fewer cases over time?

CONCERNING

PERCENT OF CASES ATTRIBUTED TO COMMUNITY SPREAD
Is the percentage the same or less?

STABILIZING

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PERCENT OF ALL TESTS THAT ARE POSITIVE
Is the percentage same or less?

STABILIZING

TOTAL COVID-19 ADMISSIONS REPORTED BY HOSPITALS
Has there been a sustained reduction in total COVID-19 hospitalizations?

STABILIZING

TOTAL HOSPITAL BED AVAILABILITY
Is bed availability in Wyoming hospitals stable?

STABILIZING

TOTAL ICU BED AVAILABILITY
Is ICU bed availability in Wyoming hospitals stable?

STABILIZING

HOSPITAL CAPACITY
NAVIGATING A NEW REALITY — TOGETHER

We’re taking a look ahead at “new reality” possibilities and working to compile potential reopening strategies, ideas, hints and tips for businesses, business districts and organizations as we enter the COVID-19 recovery phase.
Child care centers or home daycares may reopen or continue to operate under the following conditions:

a. Each room may only have groups of nine or fewer people — that total includes counting children and providers together. More people are allowed in the facility if each group of nine or less is in a room separated by walls from others.

b. All people must wash hands with soap and water upon arrival to the facility.

c. Providers must ensure staff and children are screened for symptoms of COVID-19 at the beginning of the day on arrival. No one who has symptoms can enter the facility.

d. In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the facility, the provider must close the facility and consult with their local county health officer on next steps and when to reopen.

e. Pick up and drop off must occur at the entrance. No one aside from staff and children should enter the facility, unless absolutely necessary.

f. All surfaces and areas that are used and touched often shall be cleaned and sanitized often. Items like shared toys, keyboards, desks and remote controls should be cleaned after each use. Doorknobs, light switches, toilet handles, sink handles and countertops should be cleaned at least twice a day.

- Child care providers who open must prioritize providing child care for children of essential personnel.

- Child care centers or home daycare are 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.

- Child care allows essential systems to function in Wyoming. 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.
Restaurants are able to expand services, as long as they adhere to the following conditions:

a. Restaurants are encouraged to continue offering food and beverage using delivery service, window service, walk-up service, curbside delivery, drive-through service, or drive-up service, and to use precautions in doing so to mitigate the potential transmission of COVID-19, including social distancing. Online and telephonic credit card transactions are strongly encouraged (e.g. Venmo, Squarecash, Google Pay, Apple Pay and similar payment apps).

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

c. Restaurants may allow up to five (5) members of the public at one time inside to pick up their food or beverage orders while maintaining at least six (6) feet apart.

d. Hotel restaurants can deliver room service or offer pick-up services while following these guidelines.

e. Each day, management must ensure that no employees who have symptoms of illness or had close contact with a person with COVID-19 infection during the previous 14 days will be permitted to work.

Remaining closed: Restaurants (dine-in), food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, and other similar places of public accommodation offering food or beverage for on-premises consumption. Bars, taverns, brew pubs, breweries, microbreweries, distillery pubs, wineries, tasting rooms, special licensees, clubs, and other places of public accommodation offering alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption. Cigar bars; movie and performance theaters, opera houses, concert halls and music halls.
Gyms and fitness centers may open under the following restrictions enforced by staff during operation:

a. Staff must wear face coverings at all times.
b. Management shall ensure, on a daily basis, that no employee who presents symptoms of illness will be permitted to work.
c. No close-contact activities including, but not limited to, one-on-one personal training or weight lifting requiring spotters.
d. Locker rooms must remain closed.
e. Workout equipment must be spaced no less than six (6) feet apart.
f. Workout equipment must be cleaned by staff in between usage by customers.
g. Hand sanitizer must be available for customers.
h. No more than nine (9) people are allowed to be in a specific room or confined space at any given time.
i. Group workout classes are prohibited.
j. The facility must maintain a record of customer usage, by date and time, and a record of staff working hours, by date and time, in the event COVID-19 contact tracing is necessary.
k. 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.
l. Swimming pools must be limited to one swimmer per lane.
m. Spas and saunas must remain closed.
Nail and hair salons, barber shops; cosmetology, electrology, and esthetic services; massage therapy services; and tattoo, body art, and piercing shops may open in a limited capacity if they follow specific guidelines including, but not limited to:

a. At no time shall more than nine (9) customers be in a confined space.
b. Stations used to serve customers within the facility must be at least six (6) feet apart.
c. Staff must be screened at the beginning of their shift for symptoms of illness or exposure to a person with COVID-19 infection within the previous 14 days.
d. All customers and staff must wear face masks or coverings.
e. Service may be provided by appointment only and customers are not permitted to be in the waiting area prior to receiving services.
f. The facility must maintain adequate records of its customers and staff including names and telephone numbers, in the event COVID-19 contact tracing is necessary.
g. Cleaning and sanitizing must be completed after each customer is served, including hand washing and surface sanitation.
Depending on health metrics, counties are able to request a variance to the State Health Officer to make orders more or less restrictive. Businesses can also apply for exceptions. Contact your local County Health Officer for information. County-level health will be key in this process. The flowchart below outlines the process for county officials when making requests for variance or exception requests:

1. **Local discussion on variance order or exception request.**
   
   *Local partners, (CHO, county commissioners, law enforcement, and the county attorney) should discuss any countywide variance and/or exception being sought.*

2. **CHO consideration of any planning documents.**
   
   *Planning documents may need to be developed depending on the content of the variance and/or any exception.*

3. **CHO approves or denies request (if it is a specific exception).**
   
   *CHO approves or denies request. If denied, the process may return to Steps 1 and 2, if appropriate.*

4. **CHO discusses proposed variance order or exception request with SHO, submits to SHO.**
   
   *CHO discusses proposed variance order or exception request with SHO. Counties draft proposed variance order or exception request in conjunction with the SHO and submits to the SHO for approval.*

5. **SHO consults with AG and approves/denies order and/or exceptions.**
   
   *SHO reviews and consults with AG. The proposed variance and/or exception requests are approved or denied. If denied, SHO and CHO may discuss any changes necessary.*

*CHO = County Health Officer | SHO = State Health Officer | AG = Attorney General*
Questions & Answers

• Assistance/Networking:
  Please visit https://wyomingbusiness.org/contactus and call your local Wyoming Business Council regional director for help. They are your business assistance concierge for the many resources available in the state.

• More information on covid-19:
  For workplace safety, workforce assistance, employee services, community resources, and business and financial assistance, visit https://wyomingbusiness.org/covid19.

• Complete Public Health Orders: