

TETON DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER #20-2

ORDER CLOSING CERTAIN PUBLIC PLACES; and PLACING RESTRICTIONS ON RESTAURANTS WITHIN TETON COUNTY, WYOMING, INCLUDING THE CITY OF JACKSON, WYOMING

WHEREAS, Dr. Travis Riddell, M.D. serves as the Teton District Health Officer pursuant to Wyoming Statute §35-1-306(a); and

WHEREAS, Teton County and the City of Jackson have formed the Teton Health District which encompasses all of Teton County, Wyoming including the City of Jackson, a Wyoming Municipality; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming Statute §35-1-240(a)(iv) gives the power to the Wyoming Department of Health, through the state health officer, or under her direction and supervision, through the other employees of the Wyoming Department of Health to close theaters, schools, and other public places when necessary to protect the public health; and

WHEREAS, as evidenced by her signature below, Dr. Alexia Harrist, the Wyoming State Health Officer, has reviewed and authorized the issuance of this Order by Dr. Travis Riddell, the Teton District Health Officer; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus as a worldwide pandemic as of March 11, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States declared a national emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on March 13, 2020, specifically stating that in “December 2019 a novel (new) coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 (“the virus”) was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People’s Republic of China, causing outbreaks of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) that has now spread globally. . . . The spread of COVID-19 within our Nation’s communities threatens to strain our Nation’s healthcare systems. . . . Additional measures . . . are needed to successfully contain and combat the virus in the United States.” The National Emergency Declaration went on to declare that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency, and

WHEREAS, Mark Gordon, Governor of the State of Wyoming, declared a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency for 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 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; and

WHEREAS, Teton County, Wyoming is a tourist destination with 3 large ski areas, Grand Teton National Park, southern portion of Yellowstone National Park that attracts visitors from around the world; and

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 Order may reduce the likelihood that individuals that may have been exposed to COVID-19 will spread the virus to others. By reducing the spread of the virus, this Order will help preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity in Teton County. This Order is issued 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 broad 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 today from the U.S. 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.

NOW THEREFORE, the following is hereby closed in Teton County, Wyoming, including within the City of Jackson, Wyoming:

All ski resorts including Snow King, Grand Targhee, and Jackson Hole Mountain Resort

All theaters (film or stage)

Bars

All coffee/tea shops

Employee Cafeterias

Self-Serve Buffets

Salad Bars

Unpackaged self serve food services

Nightclubs/Saloons/Taverns

Golf clubs/Country Clubs

All communal pools, hot tubs, locker rooms, saunas, steam rooms, fitness centers, gyms, conference rooms, and spas

All museums

Tasting Rooms

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that all restaurants may remain open if and only if the restaurant notifies Teton County Environmental Health that they intend to remain open and will follow these procedures:

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. Curbside take out or drive thru food service is permitted. Cash payments are strongly discouraged. Staff who take cash or credit card payments shall use cleansing measures between transactions, including use of best practices issued by the Teton County Environmental Health. Where possible, online (e.g. Venmo, Squarecash, Googlepay, Apple Pay and similar payment apps) and telephonic credit card transactions are highly encouraged. 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 and give the items to the patron or customer through the car window.
4. For hotel restaurants, food items may only be delivered as room service or curbside service as described above.
5. Management shall and must ensure, on a daily basis, that no employee who presents symptoms of illness will be permitted to work.

IT IS FURTHER ORDER, that the District Health Officer may grant exceptions on a case by case basis after evaluating the request: and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this Order shall remain in effect for fourteen (14) days or until such time as the Teton District Health Officer issues an Order revoking or modifying this Order: and

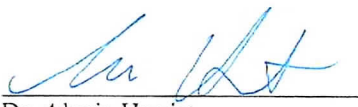
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that any person or legal entity that violates this Order shall be subject to criminal prosecution under Wyoming Statutes §35-105 and 35-1-106; and

DATED THIS 17 DAY OF March, 2020.


Travis Riddell, M.D.
Teton District Health Officer

Direction to Issue Order

I, Dr. Alexia Harrist, the Wyoming State Health Officer, hereby state that I have reviewed the above Order and hereby direct, pursuant to Wyoming Statutes §§ 35-1-227 and -240(a)(i) and (iv), the Teton District Health Officer to issue the above Order Closing Public Places and Placing Restrictions on Restaurants in Teton County, in Teton County, Wyoming, including the City of Jackson. As the State Health Officer, I specifically deem this order necessary to protect the public health due to the transient nature of Teton County being a tourist destination with over 500,000 enplanements at the Jackson Hole Airport on annual basis, visitation to two national parks, and a large hospitality workforce. I will reassess the necessity of this order as appropriate to do so and according to accepted epidemiological and medical standards.


Dr. Alexia Harrist
Wyoming State Health Officer