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### **Governor Gordon authorizes the re-opening of certain local area businesses**

On Tuesday May 28, 2020 Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon released new public health orders as the first steps in his phased approach for Wyoming to “return to normal.” The newly released guidelines will be in effect from May 1, 2020 to May 15, 2020. These orders will allow specified entities to reopen under careful guidance to continue to mitigate increased infection rates. Park County Health officials agree with Governor Gordon, “It is important that we do not surrender the ground we have taken and that we extend our gains against this virus.” Please see below for a summary of changes to each of our three state health orders.

Public Health Order #1 permits gyms to open May 1<sup>st</sup> under certain conditions that are outlined in the new order. These conditions include limits on the number of patrons in the facility, a requirement that staff wear face coverings, and the closure of locker rooms. Gyms are prohibited from offering group classes. This order is also modified to allow child care centers and home day cares to reopen or continue to operate under specific conditions and precautions. These include limiting groups of people to fewer than 10 per room and implementing screening and cleaning protocols.

Public Health Order #2 limiting public gatherings to 10 people or fewer has extended through May 15<sup>th</sup>. The governor’s directive requiring any individual coming into Wyoming to self-quarantine for 14 days remains in place through May 8th.

Public Health Order #3 allows nail and hair salons, barber shops, cosmetology, electrology and esthetic services, massage therapy services, tattoo, body art and body piercing shops to open in a limited capacity on May 1<sup>st</sup> under certain conditions. These include operational requirements limiting the number of patrons, screening of patrons, and staff for symptoms of Covid-19, requiring patrons and staff to wear face coverings and eliminating waiting areas.

No business closed through the public health orders is required to open on May 1. Businesses that choose to stay closed are still eligible for assistance from Small Business Administration (SBA) programs.

To find a copy of the Governor's Health Orders, go to [www.covid19.wyo.gov](http://www.covid19.wyo.gov)

For questions related to these health orders please call the Community Resource Line at 307-527-1866 or 307-754-1866.

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