CONTINUATION OF STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER #3: TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF NAIL SALONS, HAIR SALONS, BARBER SHOPS, MASSAGE PARLORS, TATTOO, BODY ART AND PIERCING SHOPS, AND COSMETOLOGY, ELECTROLOGY, AND ESTHETIC SERVICES

In an effort to stop the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Wyoming Department of Health finds it necessary to protect the health of the public by implementing emergency measures to impose temporary closures as described below because the nature of these services poses an increased risk to the spread of COVID-19. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect through April 17, 2020, unless the Wyoming Department of Health revokes or extends this Order before April 17, 2020.

FINDINGS

1. COVID-19 was first detected in Wuhan, China in 2019, and since then has spread to over 60 countries including the United States. There are 70 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Wyoming as of 11:10 a.m. on March 27, 2020, as well as the presence of community spread. It is expected that more cases will be diagnosed.

2. COVID-19 is a respiratory illness, transmitted through person-to-person contact or by contact with surfaces contaminated with the virus. Persons infected with COVID-19 may become symptomatic two to fourteen days after exposure. The symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. In some cases, COVID-19 can result in severe disease, including hospitalization, admission to an intensive care unit, and death, especially among older adults and persons with serious underlying health conditions.

3. The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic as of March 11, 2020.

4. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency concerning the coronavirus, 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."

5. On March 13, 2020, Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon declared a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency in the State of Wyoming, 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 COVID-19 outbreak.

6. Governor Gordon's Declaration of a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency directs the Wyoming Department of Health to take all appropriate and necessary actions, and that in the judgment of the Director of the Wyoming Department of Health, any actions

necessary should be taken to provide aid to those locations where there is a threat or danger to public health, safety, and welfare.

7. A significant number of Wyoming citizens are at risk of serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19. Although most individuals who contract COVID-19 do not become seriously ill, people with mild symptoms place other vulnerable members of the public at significant risk.

8. A large number of persons with serious infections may compromise the ability of healthcare systems in Wyoming to deliver the necessary healthcare to the public.

9. Wyoming Statute §§ 35-1-240(a)(i), (ii), and (iv) provides all the rights and powers for the Wyoming Department of Health, through the State Health Officer, Dr. Alexia Harrist, M.D., PhD, or under her directive through other employees of the Wyoming Department of Health, to close certain public places when necessary to protect public health.

10. In addition to the above findings, stopping the spread of COVID-19 includes washing your hands often, practicing social distancing by avoiding close contact with others, staying at least six feet away from someone who is ill or showing signs of illness, avoiding touching your face, eyes, nose and mouth, and covering your cough or sneeze into your elbow or by using a tissue.

ORDER

1. Pursuant to Wyoming Statute §§ 35-1-240(a)(i), (ii), and (iv), effective immediately and continuing through April 17, 2020, unless revoked or extended by the Wyoming Department of Health before April 17, 2020, the following are ordered closed to members of the public in order to help stop the spread of COVID-19:

    a. Nail salons, hair salons, and barber shops;

    b. Cosmetology, electrology, and esthetic services;

    c. Massage parlors (excluding massage performed for medical purposes); and

    d. Tattoo, body art, and piercing shops.

2. The restrictions imposed by this Order do not prohibit owners, employees, contractors, vendors, or suppliers of the services listed above from entering, exiting, or occupying that place of business in their professional capacity, so long as the business or service is not offered to the public and so long as occupants abide by recommendations from the Wyoming Department of Health and the CDC to further mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

3. Additional exceptions to the closures within this Order may be granted, at the discretion of the County Health Officer, under the direction and supervision of the State Health Officer, if demonstrated, in writing, to the County Health Officer that effective cleaning and safety measures are implemented by the service provider.

4. This Order supplements previous statewide public health orders. (See Continuation of Statewide Public Health Order Closing Bars, Restaurants, Theaters, Gymnasiums, Child Care Facilities, K-12 Schools, Colleges, Universities, and Trade Schools Statewide, entered March 27, 2020; and Continuation of Statewide Public Health Order #2: Forbidding Gatherings of Ten (10) People or More, dated March 27, 2020).

5. This Order supersedes all previous individual county orders authorized by the Wyoming State Health Officer under Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-1-240(a)(iv). To the extent any county order is more restrictive, the more restrictive provisions of the county order shall continue to apply.

As the State Health Officer, I deem this Order necessary to protect the public health. *See* Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-1-240(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. Stat. Ann. §§ 35-1-105 and -106.

DATED THIS 27 DAY OF March, 2020.

Alexia Harrist
Wyoming State Health Officer