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Notice: Carbon County Public Health Officer Issues Closure for bars; limits restaurants

The Carbon County Board of Health, via Public Health Officer (PHO), William George, MD, and in coordination with the Carbon County COVID-19 Incident Management Team, will issue an order that states effective 5:00 PM, Tuesday, March 17, 2020, all Carbon County, Montana restaurant dining rooms, bars, tap rooms, coffee shops and casinos will be closed. Drive through, delivery or take-out/pick-up service for food or beverage are not restricted under this order. This order will be in effect for one week, to be reviewed on a weekly basis. That timeline could change as officials learn more about how widespread COVID-19 is locally, and in coordination with Yellowstone County health officials.

The team based this difficult decision on consultations with area healthcare providers, review of international data as well as national disease prevention guidelines. They have given much thought to how this will impact the business owners, employees and community members and fully understands the depth of the economic impact and inconvenience this order brings.

The PHO feels this decision offers the best opportunity to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 for community members and visitors. The Carbon County Board of Health, through the Public Health Officer, has the legal duty to protect our citizens from the introduction and spread of communicable disease. This is a vital step in stopping the spread of COVID-19.

I appreciate your cooperation with this order. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Cortney Lynde,

Carbon County Sanitarian

Liaison Officer, Carbon County COVID-19 Incident Management Team



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