



## **Fact Sheet: Health Officer Order of November 19, 2020**

### **What the November 19 Health Officer Order changes:**

- The 25-person limit on gatherings is extended through the end of the last day of December 2020. It continues to apply to indoor and outdoor events regardless of ability to physically distance.

### **Beginning at 5 a.m. on November 20 and effective through the end of the day on December 31, 2020:**

- All places of assembly, including but not limited to retail venues, bars, churches, restaurants, casinos, gyms, fitness studios, hair and nail salons, bowling alleys and the like must close by 10 p.m. and remain closed until at least 4 a.m. All customers must leave the establishment no later than 10 p.m. and customers may not enter again till 4 a.m.
- All those places of assembly listed above must limit occupancy to 50% of normal capacity.
- Healthcare provider organizations (clinics, hospitals and urgent care centers), childcare facilities and overnight cleaning services are exempt from the 10 p.m. closing order.
- Pharmacies are exceptions to the 10 p.m. closure and may stay open past 10 p.m. However, if the pharmacy has other retail operations, all sales other than the pharmacy must end by 10 p.m.
- Only drive-through and delivery food services can continue past 10 p.m.
- Bars can only take orders from and serve customers who are seated. Non-household members must maintain 6 feet of physical distance while in the bars.
- All adult and youth organized athletic teams, musical and performing arts groups can continue to practice so long as the number of people involved in the practice is no more than 25. No games, matches, scrimmages or public performances are permitted. This measure is intended to prevent exposure of people from different groups, teams, spectators or audiences to possible virus transmission.
- This Health Officer Order doesn't apply to school athletics and other extracurricular activities because the governor's order states that such restrictions are at the discretion of the schools, each of which is required to have a COVID-19 safety plan.

The Health Officer Order urges Yellowstone County residents to:

Stay home, except for work, school and other essential activities.

Work from home, if possible, and use technology for remote meetings.

Keep holiday celebrations small while using technology to connect with friends and family.

Support local food establishments by ordering delivery, drive-through and take-out.

Support local businesses by shopping with their remote ordering and delivery services.