



**STATE OF WYOMING
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
GOVERNOR DIRECTIVE**

**STATEWIDE DIRECTIVE FOR INDIVIDUALS ARRIVING IN WYOMING FROM
ANOTHER STATE OR COUNTRY TO SELF-QUARANTINE**

WHEREAS, 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 150 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Wyoming as of April 2, 2020, as well as the presence of community spread. It is expected that more cases will be diagnosed.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory illness, transmitted through individual-to-individual contact or by contact with surfaces contaminated with the virus. Individuals 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 individuals with serious underlying health conditions.

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

WHEREAS, 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.”

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, I, 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.

WHEREAS, 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, and even asymptomatic persons with COVID-19, place other vulnerable members of the public at significant risk.

WHEREAS, a large number of individuals with serious infections may compromise the ability of healthcare systems in Wyoming to deliver the necessary healthcare to the public.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has now spread across the United States, with cases in every state and the total number of cases exceeding 200,000. At present, travel is a known source of COVID-19 infections in Wyoming.

WHEREAS, it is essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the State of Wyoming during the ongoing public health emergency that all travelers, including Wyoming residents, arriving in Wyoming from another state or country for a non-work-related purpose immediately self-quarantine for 14 days or for the duration of the individual's presence in Wyoming, whichever is shorter.

WHEREAS, to curtail the spread of COVID-19 in Wyoming, and to protect the health and economic wellbeing of all Wyoming citizens, it is necessary to implement the following additional measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 with respect to travelers arriving in Wyoming for non-work-related purposes. Implementing the following measures will reduce the overall number of infections in the state and preserve increasingly scarce health care resources.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Wyoming Constitution, and pursuant to Wyoming Statute § 9-1-201, the Governor is the chief executive officer of the State of Wyoming and shall exercise general supervision, direction, and control over executive branch functions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Governor Mark Gordon, do hereby direct the following measures to be immediately in place for the State of Wyoming:

1. Any individual coming or returning to Wyoming from another state or country for a non-work-related purpose must immediately self-quarantine for 14 days.
2. If an individual will be present in Wyoming for fewer than 14 days, that individual must self-quarantine for the duration of the visit.
3. Any individual who has already arrived in Wyoming from another state or country for a non-work related purpose before the date of this Directive must immediately self-quarantine for the remainder of a 14-day period, beginning on the date of their arrival in Wyoming, or until their departure from Wyoming - whichever is sooner.
4. Persons or entities listing hotels, rental properties, or other short-term rentals in Wyoming – including by way of example but not limited to, listings on such services as Airbnb, VRBO, HomeAway, and related services – must include notice of the mandatory quarantine for travelers from another state or country in the listing or on their website and at the place of accommodation.

5. These quarantine restrictions shall apply to Wyoming residents and non-residents.
6. These quarantine restrictions do not apply to individuals traveling through Wyoming en route to another destination, volunteers responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency, citizens returning from obtaining medically necessary healthcare services outside Wyoming and parents transporting minor children for custodial purposes.
7. In addition to these restrictions, individuals required to self-quarantine under this Directive shall also comply with the requirements of all other Executive Orders, Statewide Public Health Orders, and County Public Health Orders.
8. This Directive is in effect statewide in Wyoming. In the interest of uniformity of laws and to prevent the spread of disease, all inconsistent County Public Health Orders are preempted by this Directive to the extent the County Public Health Order is less restrictive.

This Directive is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the State of Wyoming, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

This Directive is effective immediately through April 30, 2020.

Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Wyoming this 3RD day of April, 2020.



Mark Gordon
Governor