

## **Gregory County Resolution 5–5–2020**

### **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS BY IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN DEEMD NECESSARY TO SLOW THE COMMUNITY SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19).**

WHEREAS, the Gregory County has the authority to pass ordinances and resolutions for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community and the promotion of health and the suppression of disease;

WHEREAS, an outbreak of the disease COVID-19, which is caused by the novel coronavirus, has been confirmed in more than 100 countries, including the United States;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a severe respiratory disease transmitted by person-to-person contact, or by contact with surfaces contaminated by the virus. In some cases, especially among older adults and persons with serious underlying health conditions, COVID-19 can result in serious illness requiring hospitalization, admission to an intensive care unit, and death;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a public health emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on the same day, Governor Kristi Noem, issued Executive Order 2020-04 which declared a state of emergency to exist in the State of South Dakota in response to the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in several counties in South Dakota;

WHEREAS, there is evidence of community spread in multiple counties in South Dakota;

WHEREAS, the CDC and health experts have recommended social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, social distancing is a method of slowing down or stopping the spread of a contagious disease by reducing the probability of contact between infected persons and those not infected in order to minimize disease transmission;

WHEREAS, the failure to successfully implement social distancing will likely result in higher numbers of infected individuals and has the potential to overwhelm the capacity of the County's health care providers; and

WHEREAS, it is important that control measures be taken to reduce or slow down the spread of COVID-19 in order to protect the health and safety of the County's residents, especially for seniors and those with underlying health conditions that make them particularly vulnerable to COVID-19.

WHEREAS, Gregory County Resolution 3-24-2020 is rescinded as of the date of adoption of this Resolution 5-5-2020.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Gregory County Commission implements the following requirements of all citizens and businesses:

1. Practice proper hygiene.
2. Practice self-isolation.
3. Practice social distancing.
4. Recommend no gatherings of 10 or more people unless proper social distancing can be implemented.
5. Stay at home and contact your medical provider if you believe you have symptoms.
6. Limit trips to purchase essential items.
7. Limit the time spent purchasing essential items.
8. Stagger work schedules.
9. All County offices will be open to the public beginning Monday, May 11th. All City offices will be operated under guidance from their respective City.
10. Effective at 12:00 AM on May 6, 2020, all restaurants, food courts, coffee houses, bars, breweries, distilleries, wineries, clubs, cafes, and other similar places of public accommodation offering food and beverages for on-site consumption, including any alcohol licensees with on-sale privileges, will be allowed to have on-site service operate at a maximum of 50% capacity for their establishment.

- a. These businesses may continue to only provide take-out, delivery, curbside service, or drive-through service and are not mandated to open their business for on-sale service.
  - b. Any business choosing to provide on-sale service will implement procedures to ensure social distancing and operate in compliance with federal and state health guidance in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This will include appropriate sanitation measures for high-traffic areas, including restrooms.
  - c. All employees working at a business offering on-sale services who have direct contact with customers will wear a face mask.
11. Effective at 12:00 AM on May 6, 2020, all recreational facilities, public pools, and theaters, including indoor movie theaters and music or entertainment venues are directed to operate under guidance from their respective City.
12. Effective at 12:00 AM on May 6, 2020, outdoor movie theaters should operate in accordance with appropriate 6' social distancing guidelines in the concession area.
13. Effective at 12:00 AM on May 6, 2020, all hair salons, golf courses, video lottery casinos, and privately-owned gyms are directed to operate under the following conditions:
- a. Hair Salons: Each cosmetologist will be six feet (6') apart. The cosmetologists will wear a facemask. Each cosmetologist will only serve one patron at a time. All salons will post the CDC and SD DOH guidelines regarding COVID-19 symptoms.
  - b. Golf Courses: While on the golf course, the following rules shall be observed:
    - The flags will be in place but secured so no one should touch the flag poles;
    - Groups will be limited to ten (10) persons per golf group.
    - Only one person per cart unless such persons live together.
    - All persons shall follow the six foot (6') social distancing rule while on the golf course.
  - c. Privately owned gyms: Privately-owned gyms will operate with allowing ten (10) or less persons in the gym at a time, including the instructors. All persons will be six feet (6') apart and gym equipment use will be minimized and limited to one-person use. All privately-owned gyms will post the CDC and SD DOH guidelines regarding COVID-19 symptoms.
  - d. Video lottery casinos: Video lottery casinos will operate with no more than ten (10) persons and such persons will be six (6) feet apart. Any video lottery machines that cannot be operated within the six-foot requirement will be disconnected as to comply with the CDC and SD DOH social distancing requirements.

14. Effective at 12:00 AM on May 6, 2020, all arcades, bingo halls, bowling alleys, indoor climbing facilities, skating rinks, trampoline parks, and other similar recreational or entertainment facilities are directed to operate under guidance from their respective City.
15. The prohibitions and closures in this order do not apply to the following businesses:
  - a. Places of public accommodation that offer food and beverages for off-site consumption, including grocery stores, markets, retail stores that offer food, convenience stores, pharmacies, drug stores, and food pantries, other than any portion of such business which would be subject to the requirements of providing delivery, curbside, and drive-through found in paragraph #1.
  - b. Room service in hotels.
  - c. Banks that have closed their lobbies but are offering drive-through and off-site accommodations for services.
  - d. Health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and correctional facilities.
  - e. Crisis shelters, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, or other similar institutions.
  - f. Airport concessionaires.
  - g. Any emergency facilities necessary for the response to the current public health emergency or any other community emergency or disaster.
16. This resolution will remain in effect until such time as it is amended or repealed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Commissioners advise that Gregory County citizens are **safer maintaining social distancing and following CDC and SD DOH guidelines regarding COVID-19**. Residents of the Gregory County are strongly encouraged to follow all CDC and SD DOH guidelines regarding social distancing and preventative measures, including the following:

- a. Residents should limit visits to grocery and retail stores to once per week or use delivery services.
- b. Residents should participate in organized religious activities via remote options as available.
- c. When it is necessary for residents to visit grocery and/or retail stores,

households should choose one designated shopper to do the shopping for the entire household in order to reduce the number of people in the store(s). Shoppers should remember to remain at least 6 feet away from others in the store.

- d. Whenever possible, residents should avoid taking any children under the age of fourteen (14) at home with them on any essential shopping trips.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of Gregory County and will become effective immediately upon passage.

Dated this 5th day of May 2020.

GREGORY COUNTY

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Chair Jeff Johnson

ATTEST:

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Auditor

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