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Regarding: Required Social Distancing Plan - COVID-19.

Dear Owners & Operators:

Given the dynamic situation with COVID-19 and its spread throughout the community, state, nation, and world, completely rescinding the order and returning to “business as usual” once Local & State Directives have been lifted will not happen and should not be expected by owners or operators. In the interest of the public’s health, it is imperative that businesses operate in a safe and efficient manner. The decision to extend or modify the Directives will be based on the following key factors:

1. The current understanding of the epidemiology of COVID-19, the extent of community spread, and current CDC recommendations for containment and mitigation.
2. The agreement of operators and establishments to comply with local and state guidelines / requirements until such time as the Butte-Silver Bow County Health Officer or State Government rescinds or modifies them.

Establishments must produce and have an approved social distancing plan. At a minimum, the plan must include the following elements:

1. A specific way to increase the distance between patrons or groups of patrons to an acceptable distance;
2. Employee illness considerations;
3. A plan for enhanced cleaning of surfaces;
4. Required signage, provided by the Butte-Silver Bow Health Department; and,
5. Signed commitment of compliance to the approved plan, including acknowledgement that failure to comply with the approved plan will result in closure by order of the Health Officer for an indeterminate time.

Upon receipt of a proposed social distancing plan, the Butte-Silver Bow County Health Officer / Authorized Personnel will review the plan for completeness and compliance with these guidelines / requirements. If a plan is fully approved, the establishment(s) will be allowed to operate under the Butte Silver Bow County Health Officer's Order.

1. The attached template and State of Montana Guidelines addresses all required elements. It provides examples of compliant practices.
2. Using that template, each establishment must indicate its acceptance by initialing ***each of the terms*** of this guidance and **provide a written plan**. In the event that a single owner or operator has multiple licensed sites, the same plan can be used by indicating all applicable license numbers.
3. Once completed, submit the plan to the Butte-Silver Bow Health Department.
4. When the plan is approved by the Health Officer / Authorized Personnel, the applicant will be notified in writing. An inspection of the establishment will be conducted, and signage provided stating submitted plans have been approved.

Plans must be submitted by May 8th.

Sincerely,

Butte Silver Bow Health Department