

# COVID-19: Guidance for Movie Theaters and Performance Centers from the Wyoming Department of Health

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## Background

Public health orders continue and are modified periodically. All orders are designed to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Key definitions and order provisions are contained in each order. Questions regarding enforcement and interpretation of orders should be directed to your County Public Health Offices. This document provides guidance from the Wyoming Department of Health for movie theaters and performance centers.

A copy of the current statewide orders can be found at: <https://covid19.wyo.gov/>.

## General Guidance

The Wyoming Department of Health recommends the following guidelines for movie theaters and performance centers, as outlined in the current orders.

1. Groups of customers seated together must be limited to six (6), preferably of the same household, unless the members of one household exceed that number.
2. A six (6) foot distance must be maintained between individual groups at all times, including in waiting areas and while seated in the facility.
3. The number of people confined to any one area at a time must be limited to allow for adequate distancing between groups.
4. Close contact between members of different household groups is prohibited before, during, and after each performance.
5. Signage must remind customers to remain at least six (6) feet apart from other groups of people.
  - a. Waiting areas must have floor markers to indicate proper spacing.
6. Staff must perform hand hygiene (washing well for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or using a hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol) between interactions with each customer or party.
7. Staff that come within 6 feet of patrons must wear a face covering.
8. Patrons should be encouraged to wear face coverings to the greatest extent possible.
9. Employees must be screened for symptoms of COVID-19, or exposure to an individual with COVID-19, prior to each shift. See the screening guidance for businesses found [here](#).
  - a. Employees who are ill must not be allowed to work.
  - b. Employees who have been exposed to COVID-19 within the previous fourteen (14) days must not be allowed to work.
  - c. Employee logs of the screening activity must be kept and made available for inspection by the local health officer.
  - d. Establishment must maintain a record of staff working hours by date and time for contact-tracing purposes.
    - i. If records are maintained manually, sanitize the instruments used for recordkeeping in between use.
10. Do not operate without appropriate protective equipment (face coverings, gloves, etc.), EPA-approved disinfectants and sanitizers, soap, and other necessary cleaning supplies.
11. Hand sanitizer must be made available at the entrance and immediately next to all bathrooms.
12. The facility must be thoroughly cleaned prior to and after each performance.



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- a. All countertops, seating, armrests, door handles, floors, bathrooms, and any high-touch surfaces must be cleaned and disinfected according to CDC guidelines for cleaning found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>.
13. Establishment must encourage contactless and non-signature payment methods.
  - a. If not possible for all customers, card and payment stations must be sanitized after each use.
  - b. Staff must sanitize hands between handling payment options.
14. Establishment must display signage at the entrance to remind customers not to enter the premises if they have symptoms of COVID-19.
15. Food service must follow the provisions for restaurants (see Restaurant Guidance found [here](#)).

**More resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for businesses and employers can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers.html>.**

**For more information about the COVID-19 outbreak please visit: [health.wyo.gov](http://health.wyo.gov) or [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov).**