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Changes to Statewide Public Health Orders

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Summary

Changes to the current public health orders will take effect on **December 9, 2020** and will expire on **January 8, 2021**.

The changes include:

- Implementation of a statewide face covering order
- Bars and restaurants will be closed from 10 PM to 5AM for onsite consumption
- Groups of patrons seated together at bars, restaurants, theaters, concert halls, and large events will be limited to 6
- Group workout classes at gyms will be limited to 10 individuals
- Gatherings without required distancing will be limited to 10 individuals

New Statewide Face Covering Order (Order #4)

A new order will be issued requiring individuals to wear face coverings in indoor public spaces.

Changes to Public Health Order #1

- Bars and restaurants must close for onsite consumption for 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.
Bars and restaurants may continue to provide takeout and delivery options during these hours.
Restaurants in travel centers and truck stops will not be ordered to close
- Tables and booths at restaurants and bars must be limited to groups of 6 (previously 8) but an exception may be made for groups larger than 6 if they are from the same household.
- Groups of patrons seated together at movie theaters, performance theaters, opera houses, concert halls, and music halls must be limited to 6 but an exception may be made for groups larger than 6 if they are from the same household.
- Group workout classes in gyms are limited to 10 participants (previously 25).

Changes to Public Health Order #2

- Gatherings (without required distancing between groups) are limited to 10 individuals (previously 25)
- Indoor events may allow more than 10 individuals but no more than 25% of venue capacity with a maximum of 100 people.
- Outdoor events may allow more than 10 individuals but not more than 50% of venue capacity with a maximum of 250 people.
- Groups of attendees seated together at any event must be limited to 6 (previously 8) but an exception may be made for groups larger than 6 if they are from the same household.
- Participants in organized sporting events and artistic performances shall not congregate in groups larger than 12 individuals (previously 25).



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Award-winning Artists Make Holiday Concert Available Exclusively to Front-line Caregivers and Patients

Member Spotlight

As COVID-19 rages across America, hospitals and health systems and their extraordinary staffs continue to bring care and comfort to our communities. To say thank you, Musicians On Call collaborated with the AHA to offer AHA members access to Hope for the Holidays Presented by Citi, a virtual concert featuring award-winning artists that will bring the joy of the holiday season to patients, families and all hospital employees.

This one-of-a-kind festive concert experience features holiday messages from Dolly Parton,

Kelly Clarkson, Billie Eilish and more and uplifting performances by Leslie Odom Jr., Meghan Trainor, Josh Groban, HAIM and Pentatonix, just to name a few.

When: The concert will be available through a private link starting Dec. 9 and available on-demand for patients and caregivers through Jan. 6, 2021.

How: To get your exclusive access to Hope for the Holidays Presented by Citi, please visit aha.org and complete the form to receive a link and access code.

Who: Please share with your patients, medical staff and em-

ployees. Feel free to distribute to patients to watch on their own devices, broadcast on CCTV (if applicable), and share with employees as you see fit. Musicians On Call requests that hospitals do not share the link or details externally or on social media as this is an exclusive concert for patients and caregivers only.



Funding Sources Impacting Rural Providers Guide

Rural Providers Guide

The Technical Assistance and Services Center (TASC), in coordination with the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP), will provide another update of the COVID-19 Funding Sources Impacting Rural Providers guide.

This funding resource is intended to support rural health care providers and their state and local partners and navigate the availability of federal funds to support the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic response and recovery efforts. This guide is updated regularly to capture changes in funding sources.

Seven tables, or matrices, are provided for quick reference at the beginning of this resource. The tables can be used to check eligibility of participation in funding sources by provider types: rural prospective payment system (PPS) and critical access hospitals (CAH), rural health clinics (RHC), federally qualified health centers (FQHC), a long-term care (LTC) or skilled nursing facilities (SNF), tribal facilities, and emergency medical services (EMS). The tables also provide an at-a-glance view for each provider type sharing the differ-

ent types of funds that may be accessed from various funding sources dependent on their participation eligibility. Each funding source is described in its own section of this resource with an executive summary followed by further detail on the use of funds, reporting requirements, hyperlinks to the legislation, and detailed information.

Visit the Rural Center website for more information on the program, www.ruralcenter.org

FLEX Program Education

Flex Program

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program (FLEX) – supports Wyoming’s 16 Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) in five key areas: Quality Improvement, Financial and Operational Improvement, Population Health and Emergency Medical Services Integration CAH designation, and Innovative Health Care Models.

Supported through the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Program, Nick Belveal,

Kristine Schmidt, Deanna Nelson, Skylar Durst, from Memorial Hospital of Converse County attended the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) Conference 2020 from October 14 - 17th, 2020.

Michelle Ibarra and Stephanie Montour-Holt continued education through the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) certification.

