



**Big Horn County COVID-19
Incident Response Team
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Public Service Announcement

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PLANNING IS CRUCIAL TO SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL EVENTS IN BIG HORN COUNTY

In an effort to be consistent, fair and supportive, the Big Horn County COVID-19 Incident Response Team is providing the following guidance for clarification to entities as they plan to get businesses and lives moving again. These guidelines are important as entities make decisions to hold/host events that are in compliance with current State Health Orders or events that may require seeking a county variance.

First and foremost we encourage everyone to follow the State Health Orders which provide guidelines on number of participants and spectators, sanitation requirements and social distancing standards. To ensure the state orders are followed and events are held in as safe and compliant a fashion as possible, it is recommended that each event/entity assign a compliance officer.

Events that can be held in compliance with State Health Orders do not require any additional information be submitted to the County. The COVID-19 Team is happy to meet with entities to help them review their plans and help ensure measures are in place to comply with current state health orders/guidelines.

A second event type would be events/activities that cannot operate within current state health orders. These types of events will require a special county variance and will require significantly more planning, approval, and stringent responsibility for compliance by the sponsoring entity. These variances require approval of both the County and State Health Officers prior to the event being held. The COVID-19 Team is again happy to meet with entities who wish to hold an event that would require a variance. We will help review plans, make suggestions and help work with the required approving officers to submit a variation request.

The third important point to consider when planning an event is the liability a sponsor/entity is taking on when holding an event that encourages people to gather in any area. It is crucial for entities to discuss their event and associated liability coverage with their insurance provider. Many providers are indicating that sponsors should follow county guidance. Be aware, Big Horn County, its agents, nor any member of the Big Horn County COVID-19 Incident Command Team assumes any liability for the issuance of a plan, variance, or event.



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Person(s) or business operating or participating in an event under a variance plan or in accordance with state health orders do so at their own risk. Event sponsors are solely liable for any and all liability resulting from exposure at their event. The event organizer/sponsors are responsible for compliance for all public health orders/variances including but not limited to exposure or sickness, and safety at their event. No other entity is responsible except the organizer/sponsors of the event.

We encourage moving forward with our lives and livelihoods in Big Horn County as quickly and as safely as possible. Keeping our communities safe and healthy is critical at this point in recovery efforts. The COVID-19 Response Team can be reached at:
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307-568-4031

Respectfully,

The Big Horn County COVID-19 Response Team.