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## **Yellowstone County Economic Response & Recovery Team Offer Full Support of Public Health Order**

The Yellowstone County Economic Response and Recovery Team is issuing its full support for the [Public Health Officer's Order](#) announced earlier today. "Public health and economic health go hand in hand, and together we can keep our businesses open, protect our workforce and prevent our healthcare systems from being overwhelmed." said Steve Arveschoug, Team Lead for Yellowstone Economic Response & Recovery.

The Yellowstone Economic Response and Recovery team is requesting that all businesses follow the Public Health Officer's Order. The health of every citizen in tandem with their livelihood through work and business is imperative. John Brewer, CEO of the Billings Chamber of Commerce stated, "Restrictions and capacity will not matter if we don't have healthy employees and a strong healthcare system to support all medical needs."

The Yellowstone County Economic Response and Recovery Team believes the following guiding principles are critical for our economy to survive. As business owners and citizens of Yellowstone County please observe the Public Health Orders so our businesses can Stay Open and Safe. As a business community these principles should guide us as we move forward together:

**1. Sustain our local businesses**

Support local businesses that are following the public health orders and encourage fellow business owners to fully comply with all public health directives

**2. Protect our workforce**

Empower and *insist* workers STAY HOME WHEN SICK and work from home when possible  
[Billings Chamber of Commerce work from home pledge](#)  
[Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Employees Paid Leave Rights](#)

**3. Respect the work and challenges our healthcare system is facing**

Do your part to limit exposure to others outside of your household, keep gatherings under 25, MASK UP, and socially distance (inside and outside), cooperate with COVID19 case investigation and contact tracing guidance to isolate and quarantine.

**4. Help our kids be able to stay in school/daycare**

Kids need to be actively involved in school activities, and we need parents and caretakers to be able to work in our businesses

We must increase our awareness and vigilance in following the health orders and the above outlined principles to keep our citizens and businesses healthy. Pledging commitment to these actions will ensure the timeliest return to our normal activities and the things we all love most about our community." Katy Easton, Downtown Billings Alliance Direct businesses that are struggling to local resources available at Big Sky Economic Development, Billings Chamber of Commerce, or the Downtown Billings Alliance and at [www.yceconomicrecovery.org](http://www.yceconomicrecovery.org).

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