



## **EMERGENCY COMMAND CENTER**

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### **GUIDANCE FOR BARS AND TAVERNS** **DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

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#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

COVID-19 is spread through contact that is close enough to share droplets generated by coughing, sneezing, speaking, and even just breathing. COVID-19 can also be spread by touching objects where contaminated droplets have landed. Because it is so easily transmittable, infection control rules are necessary to protect bar and tavern employees and patrons. Bars/taverns that follow these precautions can provide the safest environment possible for patrons.

#### **GUIDANCE**

The purpose of these guidelines are to help bars operate as safely as possible according to the CRST COVID-19 Response Plan.

In addition to the CRST Business Guidance and each establishment's normal policies regarding cleanliness, hygiene, and safety practices, bars and taverns on the Cheyenne River Reservation should practice the following guidance.

1. HOURS OF OPERATION
  - a. Bars and taverns must follow the current CRST COVID-19 Response Plan.
  - b. It is the bar's responsibility to monitor changes to the CRST COVID-19 Response Plan.
2. INTENSIFY CLEANING AND DISINFECTING
  - a. Avoid using reusable items, such as menus, condiments, or food containers. Replace with disposable paper menus and single-use condiments or food containers.
  - b. Clean and disinfect everything at the bar and tables, such as receipt trays, table cloths, chairs, etc. between each use.
  - c. Provide hand sanitizer at the bar and every table.
  - d. Limit sharing of food, tools, equipment, or supplies by employees.
3. PREVENT OVERCROWDING
  - a. Space tables 6 feet apart.
  - b. Require patrons at the bar to sit 6 feet apart, unless they are members of

the same household.

- c. Limit capacity to allow for social distancing, not more than one patron per 30 square feet of usable space.
- d. Discourage crowded waiting areas by asking patrons to wait outside or in their vehicle.
- e. When selling off-sale alcohol, ask patrons to wait in their vehicle or away from the establishment.
- f. Be mindful of social distancing and use appropriate PPE when using restrooms.

#### 4. PREVENT SPREAD OF RESPIRATORY DROPLETS

- a. Avoid offering any self-serve food or drink options.
- b. Use disposable food service items, such as utensils, dishes, napkins, or tablecloths. If disposable items are not feasible or desirable, ensure that all non-disposable food service items are handled with gloves and washed with dish soap and hot water, or in a dishwasher.
- c. All employees who interact with patrons must wear face coverings.
- d. All employees handling food or drink must wear face coverings and gloves. Employees must wash hands after removing gloves or after handling used food service items and before food preparation.
- e. Post signs to encourage patrons to wear face masks.
- f. Bars and taverns must maximize ventilation to the outside by opening windows and doors and/or using fans whenever feasible.

#### 5. SERVING ALCOHOL

- a. Bars and taverns must follow the hours that alcohol sales are permitted according to the CRST COVID-19 Response Plan.
- b. Discourage patrons from sitting or standing at the bar, where maintaining social distancing is not feasible and spreading respiratory droplets is possible.

#### 6. GAMES AND RECREATION

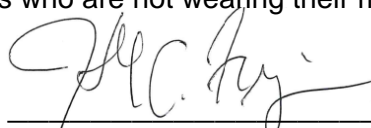
- a. Bar games that involve handling and/or sharing objects, such as pool and darts, are prohibited. Game pieces should be put away at all times.

#### 7. ENFORCEMENT

- a. Bars and taverns are responsible for monitoring their employees and patrons for compliance with this guidance. Violations may result in fines or revocation of the business license and/or license to sell alcohol.
- b. Monitoring activities include:
  - i. Head counts to make sure numbers are within capacity.
  - ii. Enforcement of social distancing.
  - iii. Asking patrons to wear face masks; providing masks to patrons who do not have masks.
  - iv. Correcting patrons who are not wearing their mask properly.

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## **RESOURCES**

CRST Coronavirus Updates. Available at [www.crstcoronavirusupdates.com](http://www.crstcoronavirusupdates.com).

CDC. Considerations for Restaurants and Bars. Available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/business-employers/bars-restaurants.html>.

CDC. Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

SDDOH. COVID-19 Workplace and Employer. [https://doh.sd.gov/documents/news/COVID\\_business\\_QA.pdf](https://doh.sd.gov/documents/news/COVID_business_QA.pdf)