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## Mitchell City Council Approves Ordinance 2020-04 to address the public health crisis

On Monday, March 30 the Mitchell City Council Approved Ordinance 2020-04 to address the public health crisis created by coronavirus (COVID-19). The new ordinance will go into effect Friday, April 3 by 8:00 AM after the ordinance is published in the legal notices of the Daily Republic. The ordinance will be in effect until rescinded by the City Council. The ordinance restricts the operation of certain businesses in Mitchell including bars, restaurants (no dine-in services), theaters, casinos, and other entertainment venues. These restrictions are an effort to "slow the spread" and "flatten the curve" of the Coronavirus to allow healthcare facilities to be able to better manage the surge of patients that will need hospitalization and other care. Although the ordinance will not go into effect until Friday, many businesses in Mitchell are already following the restrictions following guidance given by the the Center for Disease Control as well as the SD Governor's Executive Proclamation issued last week. The City strongly encourages businesses to implement these practices now, as well as follow the recommendations for business operations during the current pandemic issued by the Center for Disease Control.



The City would also ask that community members adhere to social distancing guidelines by maintaining six feet of distance between individuals and limiting interactions outside of your home as much as possible. Your efforts can have an impact on our community's ability to respond to the pandemic as it progresses. Listed below are resources for individuals and businesses on protecting you and your employees or family during the pandemic; as well as resources for individuals or businesses impacted by closures due to the pandemic.

- The full text of the ordinance at: <https://www.cityofmitchell.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/8869?fileID=12208> . Anyone who has questions about the ordinance can contact the city at [info@cityofmitchell.org](mailto:info@cityofmitchell.org); or by calling city hall at 605-995-8420.
- The City has created a page on our website located at [www.cityofmitchell.org/covid-19](http://www.cityofmitchell.org/covid-19).
- Guidance issued by the Centers for Disease control can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- The State of SD has created a resource page that includes <https://covid.sd.gov/> This page includes links to business support, re-employment information, health information, and frequently asked questions.

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- There is also a collection of information on resources for community members located on the community landing page at: <https://www.mitchellsd.com/covid-19-information>.
- A current restaurant guide is also available at [www.mitchellsd.com](http://www.mitchellsd.com)

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