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The intent of the Converse County law enforcement agencies, since the beginning of the COVID-19 public health emergency, has always been to help our community members understand the health and safety guidelines issued by the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Wyoming Department of Health, and Converse County Public Health.

Starting in March of this year, at the very beginning of the COVID-19 public health emergency, public health orders, variances, and exemptions have been issued at a state and county level. We, as Peace Officers, understand the difficulties this virus has presented and the same difficulties in understanding the purpose and interpretation of some of these orders. Yesterday, state issued public health orders went into effect which included a statewide face covering order and restrictions applying to businesses and gatherings.

Our philosophy towards all state and county issued public health orders are to assist our communities with understanding the orders and encouraging voluntary compliance to help protect one another during this crisis.

All our community members should remember the businesses impacted by these orders are responsible for ensuring compliance with the orders. Businesses can deny service to those who do not comply with the public health order. It is no different than a business posting a sign saying, "No shirt, No Shoes, No Service," and refusing service to those who don't comply.

Peace Officers will respond to disputes or disturbances related to public health orders and will take appropriate enforcement action based upon the unique circumstances of each incident.

We encourage everyone to work together during these trying times, be respectful of one another, and together, we will all get through this.

We wish all a Wonderful and Safe Holiday Season!

Sheriff Clint Becker, Converse County

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