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# COVID-19 RESPONSE

Communication from the COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center  
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## Community Leaders Working to Ensure a Safe Transition Towards an Open and Prosperous Laramie County

**CHEYENNE (4/24/20)** – A Laramie County planning committee has been established to develop a comprehensive plan for a gradual reopening of local businesses in phases. The committee consists of representatives from the business community, local elected officials, emergency management, law enforcement, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center (CRMC), and the Cheyenne/Laramie County Health Department. The committee is dedicated to ensuring a safe transition towards an open and prosperous Laramie County.

The first goal is to allow various businesses to carefully reopen with maximum safety for their staff and customers. The second goal is to prevent a surge of COVID-19 cases that might overwhelm the healthcare system. The group will be evaluating recommendations from national and statewide health experts and guidance from trade associations and local businesses. Governor Mark Gordon will be providing additional guidance next week that will also drive future efforts. Per the Governor's directives, Dr. Stan Hartman, Laramie County Health Officer, will review reopening plans for various types of businesses and education organizations. The planning committee will continue efforts to develop various industry-specific plans over the next several weeks.

“All plans for reopening must be approved by the Health Department before proceeding, and not all businesses will be able to reopen at the same time. We want to get people back to work, but it has to be a careful, thoughtful process and it will not be as quick or easy as we would like” stated Dr. Hartman.

For questions, contact Kathy Emmons of the Cheyenne Laramie County Health Department at 307-633-4100 or 307-421-8711.