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The Springdale Mayor's office is taking the latest directives from the Governor very seriously, and we urge our residents to as well. We have seen examples across the state of this virus spreading due to the unwillingness of businesses and individuals, to observe to these procedures. The better we adhere to these guidelines, the faster we will move through this. If you aren't willing to protect yourself, please consider protecting everyone else by following these directives. Let's stay ahead of the curve!

Below you will find the directives of our governor and a letter from Chief of Police, Mike Peters:

DIRECTIVES FROM GOVERNOR:

1. K-12 school will be closed through April 17th. He will re-evaluate at that time if additional closure is needed. Schools will continue with AMI instruction.
2. State employees will now work remotely through telecommunication. Only on-site workers will be for necessary function of government.
3. Hospitals, clinics, and mental health facilities are now mandated to screen temperatures and for COVID-19 symptoms for employees and for those entering.
4. Restaurants and bars will be closed for dine-in. Carry-out, drive-thru, and delivery is allowed (and encouraged to continue to support local business). Some alcohol restrictions have been lifted temporarily. If a business has a license to sell alcohol, they are allowed to sell corked/sealed bottles in light of new restrictions. (Link to specifics in comments)
5. Indoor venues will be closed for all non-essential functions. (i.e. gyms, etc)

TO BUSINESSES:

- *Encourage businesses to carry on via telecommunications, video conferencing, and remotely if possible. For those who must continue to work on site, implement the proper screening procedures
- *Continue practicing social distancing.
- *Make continuity plans for the future that are consistent with guidelines we are receiving.

TO PUBLIC:

*Older and medically compromised population are advised to stay home if possible.

*Avoid gatherings of 10 or more people.

*Avoid unnecessary trips.

*Take advantage of activities like walking, hiking, and fishing.

*Do not visit nursing homes, retirement homes, or long-term care facilities.

*All these measures are consistent with national guidelines.

*We encourage all churches to consider and abide by current public restrictions when thinking through whether or not they will continue to meet.

From City of Springdale's Chief of Police:

To our Springdale Community,

Yesterday Governor Asa Hutchinson ordered the closing of all restaurant dining rooms, bars and gymnasiums in the state. This extraordinary action was taken due to public health concerns of Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

We ask that everyone comply with the Governor's order, for your own health and to protect those most vulnerable in our community. Further, I have directed our officers to check our businesses affected by the order, and enforce any violations to the furthest extent under the law.

We are dealing with an unprecedented event, and we must all work together toward the common good. We must trust our government leaders and our health care experts, who are telling us these actions are the best way to stop the spread of COVID-19. If we fail to take these aggressive measures now we may pay a higher price in the long term, economically, and in human suffering.

Sincerely,

Mike Peters

Chief of Police