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PUBLIC NOTICE FROM THE CITY OF BENSON ABOUT MANDATORY BUSINESS CLOSURES IN THE CITY OF BENSON AND LIMITATIONS ON THOSE BUSINESSES

On March 19, 2020, the Governor for the State of Arizona, Douglas A. Ducey, signed Executive Order 2020-09. That Order was titled “Limiting The Operations Of Certain Businesses To Slow The Spread Of COVID-19.” That Order, amongst other things, required the closure of and limitations upon businesses in Arizona counties with confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of the close of business on Friday, March 20, 2020. In the afternoon of March 20, 2020 – before the close of business that day – the Cochise County Department of Health and Social Services confirmed a case of COVID19. Therefore, as of the close of business today, Friday, March 20, 2020, the following applies in the City of Benson until further notice:

1. Bars, movie theaters, indoor gyms, and fitness clubs shall close access to the public.
2. All restaurants shall close access to on-site dining, but may continue serving the public through pick up, deliver, and drive-thru operations.

Such restaurants that are Title 4 licensees can sell beer, wine, and spiritous liquor in sealed containers, shall ensure that sales of beer, wine and spiritous liquor for consumption off premises is only for consumption for individuals over the age of 21 as for other sale of alcoholic beverages both on and off-premises and that all other Title 4 laws are followed.

Cafeterias at nursing homes, hospitals, and similar facilities as well as soup kitchens that provide meals to the needy are not subject to these restrictions and may continue normal operations while taking precautions to ensure social distancing and appropriate hygiene according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention standards.

- For the latest updates regarding the Corona Virus visit the CDC's Coronavirus Disease 2019 website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>
- For information specifically to Arizona, please visit <https://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-home>
- Additionally, County Public Health has established a hotline, available Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm, for questions from the public: (833) 670-5786 or visit the County website at <https://www.cochise.az.gov/health-and-social-services/covid-19-info-0>