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Gilpin County is requesting a variance from PHO 20-28 Section II.A, to allow for the opening of table games at casinos in Gilpin County, subject to compliance with the suppression plan and local containment measures listed below.

Prevalence of COVID19 in Gilpin County:

- The number of cases in Gilpin County has remained low with a total of 8 confirmed and probable cases.
- Of these cases, only one was hospitalized.
- Gilpin Ambulance Authority has responded to a very low number of calls with COVID-like symptoms.

Containment measures:

- GCPH in collaboration with Gilpin Ambulance Authority offers testing every Tuesday to any symptomatic resident in Gilpin County.
- GCPH has two employees currently conducting case investigations and contact tracing with 24 volunteers from the GC Public Health Advisory Board and Gilpin Ambulance Authority trained to help with contact tracing if necessary.
- Gilpin Ambulance Authority, Timberline, Black Hawk and Central City Fire departments and law enforcement have the capacity and are prepared to respond to an increase in COVID related calls if necessary. See GC Sheriff's suppression plan below. This protocol is included because 85% of the population in the Gilpin County Jail is gaming related. First responders will follow their respective organization's protection protocols.
- Gilpin County Office of Emergency Management and Gilpin County Public Health have been working diligently to identify, locate and purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to ensure the response agencies in Gilpin County are adequately protected.
- Casinos are logging visitors to the casino and their contact info to assist with contact tracing efforts.

Conditions to determine if the variance is providing protection equal to PHO 20-28:

GCPH will monitor all available data, and if the following conditions are present, a determination on a rollback to stricter public health measures will be considered:

- 20% increase in positive cases in 3-day rolling average over a 14-day period;

- A substantial increase in hospitalizations directly related to COVID-19 over a 2-week period;
- Inability of GCPH to contact trace new cases within 24 hours of a known positive test result.

Gilpin County Augmented Casinos Suppression Plan

The following proposal will implement restrictions and modified operational procedures for any Gilpin County casino that wishes to reopen table games in addition to already approved slot machines; replacing and/or modifying the restrictions imposed by Amended PHO 20-28, the variance to Safer at Home granted to Gilpin County on June 6, 2020 and Gilpin County PHO 20-09.

Each casino licensee will be required to follow the policies and procedures outlined below, adhering to these new protocols and any other restrictions in the PHOs listed above that are not addressed here.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Successfully reopening card games requires strict adherence and attention to:

- Anyone who is not the dealer should not handle cards to the greatest extent possible
- Players are required to use hand sanitizer immediately before touching cards
- Casino should have enough decks to swap in and out of rotation between uses

Operators must limit customers' and employees' sharing of objects (e.g. items used in table games, dice, card shoes, shufflers, roulette wheels, pit podiums, blackjack discard holders, token boxes) as much as possible, and clean and disinfect these objects between uses.

Physical barriers, such as sneeze guards and partitions, should be installed where practicable in areas where it is difficult for individuals to remain at least 6 feet apart.

FACILITY

Each casino will designate at least two emergency contacts that are available to be reached at any time in the event the Gilpin County Public Health Department needs to contact them regarding public health concerns. Designated contact persons must be able to respond quickly to any public health concern, as directed by the Gilpin County Public Health Department.

In order to achieve 6 foot physical distancing, each casino will operate at 50% of fire code capacity, ensuring a minimum of 28 square feet per person, or **175 persons per contained indoor space, whichever is fewer**. Compliance will be monitored by the method appropriate to each property, such as physical counting or electronic methods.

Appropriate signage will be installed throughout the facility:

- Entrance requirements / health screening at all entrances: signage on doors informs guests that anyone experiencing COVID-like symptoms must not enter. The CDC has an English and Spanish version available at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/316129-B-StayHomeFromWork_Poster.pdf
- Handwashing recommendations in each restroom
- Partition off or close bathroom urinals to ensure adequate physical distancing
- Reminders to wear masks at all times throughout the facility
- Hand sanitizing and social distancing reminders at strategic locations throughout the facility

All guest services locations will be equipped with physical barriers (PlexiGlass)

Every area where guests queue will be marked with proper social distancing measurements of at least 6 feet.

Restaurants, bars, pools, spas, retail spaces, and meeting and convention spaces will operate according to current state public health orders for each of those activities.

ATMs, ticketing, and marketing kiosks will be sanitized once per hour.

Kitchen cleaning and maintenance protocols will remain as established, with the exception that kitchen staff will wear masks throughout their shift.

Hotel cleaning and room maintenance will remain as established, with the exception that high contact surfaces (countertops, tables, etc.) and objects (remotes, room keys, faucets, doorknobs, pens, etc.) will be cleaned thoroughly after each guest. Any hotel room where a COVID-positive guest has stayed will be quarantined for a minimum of 24 hours after notification of the guest's positive status.

Any fires or fire alarms will be managed according to current facility policy.

Should any casino staff or guests need to dial 911 for emergency services, standard facility policy will be followed. Each guest has been verified as asymptomatic before entry to the casino, so any law enforcement or medical response is assumed to be for reasons other than COVID-related.

Gilpin County Public Health will work with each property to create a site-specific plan to ensure adequate air ventilation and circulation in each facility. Given the huge variations in the size and age of the buildings that house casinos in the county, it is not possible to craft a blanket protocol that would be applicable to every casino.

EMPLOYEES & VENDORS

All employees and vendors entering a casino facility must wear—**at a minimum**—a surgical mask or other face cloth covering* that ensures their nose and mouth are covered (*cloth mask, bandana, neck gaiter or something similar).

Employees shall be monitored daily for symptoms, and symptomatic employees shall be excluded from the workplace and isolated until they are fever free for 72 hours, other symptoms have improved, and at least 10 days have passed since they became symptomatic.

Employees will be required to complete the health assessment screening prior to starting each shift. All vendors will complete the same health assessment screening before entering the premises. Health screenings include a temperature check and questionnaire response (e.g. experiencing cough, shortness of breath, etc.).

Any vendor that does not meet health requirements will not be allowed on premises.

Employee areas will be modified in such a manner as to allow for social distancing of at least six feet. Signage to mandate frequent hand-washing will be installed in prominent areas.

Signage with reminders on how to keep employees and guests safe will be posted prominently in all employee break areas.

All operators shall provide accommodations for employees at higher risk of severe illness from COVID19.

GUEST MANAGEMENT

Casino employees will be situated at all guest points of entry to conduct health screenings, ensure masks are worn and remind guests that masks are required at all times in the casino unless they are seated at a restaurant table and to inform guests that enhanced public health protocols are in place throughout the facility.

Health screening includes a temperature check and the following questions: Do you have any of these symptoms?

- Dry Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fever
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Have you been in contact with a person confirmed by a healthcare professional or lab result to have COVID19?

Any guest answering “yes” to any of these questions, or who present with a temperature of 100.4°F or higher will not be allowed to enter the premises. They will also be advised to consult with a physician to determine proper course of action.

All guests will be reminded that vulnerable populations—those over 65 years of age and anyone with an underlying health condition—should observe the precautions indicated in the current public health order designed to protect them from infection.

Guests entering a casino equipped with a Player's Card will be strongly encouraged to use the card while in the casino. Should a COVID case or cases present at that casino, the Player's Card information will be used for contact tracing efforts. Guests that do not have a Player's Card will be strongly encouraged to acquire one and use on premises. If the guest does not have a Player's Card and does not wish to get one, they will be asked to provide contact information including name, address, phone number, date and time of entry, and acknowledgement that they have completed the health screening upon entry.

Guests entering a casino not equipped with a player's card system will be asked to provide the same contact information as noted above upon entry.

NOTE:

[Cloth face coverings](#) should **not** be placed on, and are not required to be worn by:

- Babies and children younger than 2 years old
- Anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious
- Anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance

Cloth face coverings are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected and does not have symptoms. Implementation should be guided by what is feasible, practical, acceptable, and tailored to the needs of each community. For example, facilities may offer guests masks free or for sale, or may refuse entry to guests who do not have masks.

GAMING FLOOR

Guests and employees will maintain strict social distancing protocols. Casino staff will continually remind guests that **face coverings are always required in the casino, except when seated at a restaurant table.**

The gaming floor will be cleaned using current continual cleaning protocols. In addition, areas of the floor will be closed on a rotating basis to ensure each area of the gaming floor is deep cleaned at least once in a 24-hour period. For casinos opting not to stay open for 24 hours, deep cleaning may occur overnight.

SLOTS

Every other directly adjacent slot machine will be turned off unless being played by a single player. If adjacent games are enabled for play by a single player, casinos must have procedures in place to ensure that directly adjacent slots machines do not remain in play after the guest has finished play.

Casinos will take all reasonable measures to ensure that every operational slot machine is sanitized before a player sits at the machine, by implementing either a system-driven notification (the machine itself alerts staff the player has stopped playing), or a process by which casino staff monitor machines for departing players and make their best effort to sanitize the machine before a new guest begins play. Machines will also be sanitized on a regular schedule.

Staff will be trained to inform guests that they are prohibited from congregating around any slot machine, and that masks must cover nose and mouth at all times in the casino. Employees must be fully empowered to require guests to disperse and/or re-mask, as needed.

Hand sanitizer and cleaning wipes will be widely available on gaming floor, so guests are able to clean their hands or wipe down a machine before starting to play.

Staff will clean machines as they see players leave, and on a regular schedule.

Any closing of the slot machines cannot be done in such a manner to intentionally improve the odds in favor of the house when it comes to payouts.

TABLE GAMES

When a table game may be played such that only the dealer touches the cards, that game shall be no-touch by the player. When players must touch cards, the protocols listed below for each type of card should be adhered to.

Games will have the appropriate number of seats removed to allow adequate social distancing. Where six feet of separation between players is not practicable for the game, and a certain number of players is necessary for the game to be played, the dealer will strictly enforce masking and hand sanitizing requirements.

Player seats and table positions shall be sanitized prior to a new player being seated.

Hand sanitizer shall be 70% alcohol to ensure adequate sanitization.

All tables must have adequate hand sanitizer available as all players joining a table must sanitize their hands before beginning to play. Players may self-sanitize, but having the dealer offer sanitizer eliminates a high-touch object.

PLAYER LIMITS AT TABLES

Blackjack is limited to 3 players per table.

House Banked Poker is limited to 3 players.

Roulette is limited to 4 players.

Craps is limited to 6 players.

Player Banked Poker is limited to 6 players per table.

DEALERS

All dealers will sanitize their hands when they begin dealing at a table, and every time they change tables. Additional breaks for dealers to use facilities where soap and water are available for handwashing is strongly encouraged.

PAPER CARDS

Decks shall be changed out after 4 hours of usage.

PLASTIC CARDS

Decks shall be sanitized at least once in a 24-hour period.

CHIPS

Chips should be sanitized as often as is practicable, but at a minimum every 72 hours.

CRAPS

Players are required to sanitize their hands per the protocol above before handling the dice. Dice will be sanitized upon pass off and for each shooter.

ROULETTE

The roulette ball and dolly will be sanitized when a new dealer enters the game.

TRANSPORTATION

Any bus systems that transport people to the casinos must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected daily and cleaned between each trip.

SUPPRESSION PLAN – GILPIN COUNTY JAIL/SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The following represents Gilpin County Sheriff's Office plan for mitigating risk and suppressing potential transmission of COVID19 within the Gilpin County Jail. Policies reflected are meant to be proactive in protecting the health and welfare of Gilpin County staff, arresting officers, current inmates and new arrestees.

COVID Screening Form

- Law enforcement officers are asked to utilize the COVID Health Screening Form *in the field*, asking all arrestees:
 - Have you had today, or in the last 7 days:
 - Headache (beyond what is normal for you)
 - Diarrhea
 - Vomiting or nausea
 - Shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing
 - Cough
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of taste/smell
 - Have you travelled internationally or domestically since May 1 to an area outside of Colorado with more than 25,000 confirmed COVID cases?
 - Have you been exposed to anyone who displayed symptoms of COVID19?
 - If yes, when was your last contact
 - What date did you first feel symptoms?
 - What date did you last feel symptoms?

[Entry to the Jail is permitted if last exposure was 15 or more days ago, and first symptom (if any) was 8 or more days ago, and you have been symptom free without the aid of medication for 4 or more days.]

New Arrestees

- All local law enforcement officers and Gilpin County Deputies are required to utilize the COVID Screening Form *in the field*.
- Gilpin County Deputies are required to utilize the COVID Screening Form in the vehicle sally port or in the outer booking area, prior to the removal of handcuffs, documenting all answers. Intake deputies will take the form as part of the arrestee's paperwork.
- Temperatures will also be taken and recorded with the COVID Screening Form. Any temperature of 100.0 degrees F or higher may be grounds for custody refusal. Medical staff is to be notified immediately.
- If a new arrestee answers yes to any of the questions, medical staff is to be notified immediately.
- Medical staff may see the new arrestee in the sally port, or the new arrestee will be held in holding cell 1, 2 or 5 (sally port is preferred option). The new arrestee will not be taken to the booking bench.
- If medical staff advises Gilpin County staff to refuse to accept custody, the arresting officer will be responsible to transport the new arrestee to medical care, hospital, a safe location for summons and release, or another appropriate disposition to the case. If hospital clearance is obtained, jail medical staff retains the right to refuse custody of any patient regardless of hospital medical clearance.
- If custody is accepted, Gilpin County law enforcement proceeds with normal booking procedures.
- Once booking is complete, law enforcement officers will thoroughly clean the area.
- New arrestees will be provided a surgical mask, and are required to wear it at all times, unless the inmate is alone in their cell (including when the door is open for meal service). An exception will be made if it is determined a surgical mask would be dangerous for the inmate to have in their cell.

Visitors

- Visitors such as arresting officers, attorneys, clergy, probation, contractors, etc. will each be screened with the COVID Screening Form. All answers are required prior to jail entry. Temperatures will also be taken and recorded with the form.

Jail Staff

- All Gilpin County Jail employees are required to be screened at the beginning of each shift, with the COVID Screening Form and recorded temperature logged at the top of their form. Any employee with a temperature of 100.0 degrees F or higher will be asked to go home and self-isolate.

Jail Procedures

- Laundry exchange is performed as normal, and laundered with the following considerations:

- Do not shake dirty laundry
- Use warmest water setting
- Dry items completely
- Dirty laundry that has been in contact with an ill individual can be washed with other people's items
- Clean and disinfect laundry cart after each use
- Wear gloves and mask at all times
- Meals are to be served on paper plates and discarded and disposed after use.
- Detention staff will continue to adhere to CDC Guidance: *What Law Enforcement Personnel Need to Know about Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)*.