

## WYOMING COVID-19

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**State of Emergency:** Declared by [Executive Order 20-02](#) on March 13, 2020, and effective until otherwise rescinded.

**Elective Surgeries and Procedures:** There have been no rules, regulations, or special orders issued regarding elective surgeries and procedures.

### **Telehealth:**

Physicians and physician assistants not licensed in Wyoming **may** qualify to provide care, both in-person and via telehealth, to patients located in Wyoming during declared public health emergency through the “consultation exemption.” If approved to do so, the physician or physician assistant is considered to be “consulting” with the State Health Officer. The exemption from licensure, if approved, will be valid until the earlier of forty-five (45) days after the end of the Public Health Emergency or the termination by the State Health Officer of the physician’s or physician assistant’s “consultation.”

Additional Information can be found on the [Wyoming Board of Medicine FAQ](#) page, including the application for the exemption.

**Liability Immunity:** On May 20, 2020, the Governor signed [Emergency Powers COVID-19-2 \(SF1002\)](#) that grants immunity from liability to any health care provider(s) or other person, including a business entity, during a public health emergency, who in good faith follows and acts in accordance with the instructions of a state, city, town or county health officer. Immunity is provided to health care providers who are retired, who have an inactive license or who are licensed in another states. Of course, immunity does not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton conduct.

**Volunteer Immunity:** The [WY Medical Volunteer Immunity Law](#) has significant limitations in application:

- Prohibits claims against health care providers related to diagnoses, care, or treatment to “low-income uninsured persons” on a volunteer basis unless the care is willful and wanton.
- Applies only to care rendered at a nonprofit health care facility, severe limitation on the type of providers the law applies to, low-income uninsured persons are defined as those individuals with income less than 200% of the federal poverty threshold, the law does not apply to operations or delivery of a baby unless an emergency and the patient must be notified of the provisions of the law.

During the COVID-19 crisis, volunteer health care providers may consider that there is better immunity protection through the federal CARES Act.