

Wyoming Water Well Contractors' Newsletter

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



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Water Well Contractors,

To say we are living in strange times right now in the world might be an understatement. I hope every one of you and your families are staying healthy and sane, as many of you like me have been promoted to teachers for at least the next couple of weeks!

Terms like "social distancing" and "essential businesses" are the new catch phrases as new cases of the Covid-19 virus are popping up by the day if not by the hour. Most if not all of you operate small businesses, and probably have not been faced with an economic situation like this before. One thing I am certain of is the dedication to your businesses and your customers I know you will show during these challenging times. I can't think of very many more "Essential" businesses than supplying individuals, livestock, and crops with fresh water. Do what you can to protect yourself and your employee's, practice good hygiene and keep your distance when possible.

State offices at this time remain open however some employees are "teleworking" from home. Keep this in mind when planning with your customers on obtaining permits and variance requests. I know everyone at the Engineer's Office is going to great lengths to make sure everything runs as usual for you and your customers.

I know when this is over life will return to normal. Until then, I think we can all be thankful we live and work in Wyoming where we were "Social Distancing" before "Social Distancing" was cool!

Everyone be safe,
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Water Well Contractors Board Meeting- April 8th 2020

I just wanted to let everyone know the Board's next meeting originally scheduled to be held at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper will now be held via Conference call and online via the Google meets application.

While I am still working on the technical details, I wanted to let all licensed contractors know if you would like the call in number or the link to attend the meeting online please send me an email and I will add you to the invitation so you can listen in and participate in the meeting if you would like.

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The following is an excerpt from thenationaldriller.com. This is a sample protocol created by former NGWA presidents Jeff Williams, MGWC, CVCLD, this year’s McElhiney Lecturer and vice president of Spafford & Sons Water Wells. This was his response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the steps he saw necessary for his company to succeed in the near future. He gives several good examples I think of how contractors can help be prepared in today’s climate. I encourage everyone to read through this and implement any standards and practices you think can help you and your team.

Spafford & Sons Coronavirus/Covid-19 Protocol

In an effort to reduce exposure to outside contamination, we are instituting several protocols. Foremost among them are “Social Distancing” and “Sterilization.” Our purpose is to limit the exposure in the organization and keep our doors open. A message has been sent to our customers, outlining our commitment to them and asking for their cooperation in the effort to slow the spread of infectious disease.

If you are sick and/or exposed to Covid 19, stay home, call your doctor, and follow their advice for testing and/or self-isolation. A doctor’s note will be needed for your return to work.

If anybody in your home is sick and/or exposed to Covid 19, you are to stay home until cleared by a medical professional.

To limit shop exposure:

We will be working in two-person teams and staggering start times (see below). Each team will have their own truck/service bay and be responsible for making certain it is stocked and cleaned daily. This will begin Tuesday, March 17, 2020. The staggered start times are so each team can come in, get what they need for the day, and get on the road to jobs. If communal vehicles are used in the execution of your job, THOROUGHLY WIPE EVERYTHING DOWN (with disinfectant) before the end of your shift.

When handling inventory, please wipe down anything you are returning to the shelves thoroughly with a disinfectant.

When cleaning your truck, please wipe down door handles, steering wheel and controls; bring all refuse to the Dumpster/recycle bin. DO NOT leave it in the shop for somebody else to clean up.

Team 1: 6:30 am	Team 2: 7 am	Team 3: 7:30 am
Truck: 2017	Truck: 2014	Truck: Filtration
Employee A Employee B	Employee C Employee D	Employee E Employee F

Every truck was given a hand sanitizer last week. Please use it before and after every service call. Please WASH YOUR HANDS; the CDC recommends 20 seconds of sudsing and thorough rinsing.

Please use sanitizer wipes for door handles and any communal tools you use during the course of the day.

We are working on getting a sufficient supply of nitrile gloves for use when doing service in a customer’s home.

Limited office access:

We can communicate through the shop/office window, email, telephone and text. If you need something from the photocopier, we will work out the most efficient way (given proper social distancing) to get you what you need. Daily Service sheets and daily paperwork will be left outside in the bins currently used for timesheets.

Limiting exposure through customer contact:

Our office is screening calls for anybody who is ill, has traveled recently, and/or has a compromised immune system.

Please read any notations on customer paperwork.

Restriction on unnecessary stops:

The fewer stops made, the less chance of exposure. Please do not stop at convenience stores, hardware stores, etc. with company vehicles.

NDA	On-Line Certification Exams	Website	https://nda4u.com
AGWT	Educational Videos and Books	Website	www.AGWT.org
ISWD	International School of Well Drilling Online Courses	Website	welldrillingschool.com
NGWA	Selection of Meters for Water Well Pumps (7132-1)	Website	Online self-paced course
TLC	Technical Learning College	Website	Self-paced courses
WWWCB	Water Well Contractors Licensing Board Meeting	Conference Call	April 8, 2020 10am



KEY

WGWA – Wyoming Ground Water Association

NDA – National Drilling Association

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NWDA – Nebraska Well Drillers Association

CWWCA – Colorado Water Well Contractors Association

WARWS – Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems

WWA- Wyoming Water Association

WWQ & PCA – Wyoming Water Quality & Pollution Control Association

WWWCB – Wyoming Water Well Contractors Licensing Board

BIDP – Baroid Industrial Drilling Products

AGWT – American Ground Water Trust

SEDC – Shallow Exploration Drillers Clinic

IGWA – Idaho Ground Water Ass. Inc.

ISWD – International School of Well Drilling
www.welldrillingschool.com

CPS - CPS Distributors

Goulds - Goulds Water Technology Factory

School WebEx Training

Technical Learning College

www.abctlc.com

For continuing education opportunities please refer to each respective association's website for additional information.