She defied health department orders to keep people safe during the pandemic. She allegedly ignored Colorado laws about protecting minors, and allegedly ignored a law to get a license to serve food at a county rodeo where her establishment gave about 80 people food poisoning with spoiled pork.

**Boebert Defied Pandemic Restrictions And Kept Her Restaurant Open.** “Ms. Boebert, 33, is the owner of Shooters Grill in Rifle, Colo., and has gained attention in recent days for defying pandemic restrictions by keeping her restaurant open.” [New York Times, 7/1/20]

**Boebert Served Customers In Outdoor Seating To Protest The Public Health Order That She Deemed Unfair.** “Boebert had opened the restaurant, serving customers in outdoor seating, to protest the public health order in Colorado that she said unfairly targeted small businesses, like her restaurant, for closure while allowing big-box retailers to remain open.” [Durando Herald, 6/30/20]

**Shooters Grill Was Issued A 30-Day Restaurant License Suspension For Failing To Obey The Law.** “Boebert owns Shooters Grill in Rifle, where servers also open-carry. Garfield County had issued a 30-day suspension of the restaurant’s license in mid-May after Boebert served customers in defiance of a state public health order and a court injunction.” [Durando Herald, 6/30/20]

**Boebert Allowed A Minor To Carry A Gun At Her Restaurant.** “In apparent violation of state and federal law, Colorado congressional candidate Lauren Boebert allowed an under-age server at her restaurant in Rifle to carry a gun. Boebert, who toppled Congressman Scott Tipton in a Republican primary last month, told a juvenile server to pack heat at her diner, Shooters Grill, just like the adult wait staff do, according to a server currently featured on the restaurant’s website. Trouble is, it’s apparently not legal.” [Real Vail, 7/24/20]

**Under Colorado Law, A Person Who Knows Of A Juvenile Possessing A Gun Illegally And Fails To Make Reasonable Efforts To Prevent It Commits The Crime Of Preventing A Juvenile To Possess A Handgun.** “Colorado law bans juveniles from possessing a handgun, and exceptions do not allow gun-carrying as part of a job serving “Ballistic Chicken” and “Smoking Gun” brisket, as featured on the menu. A similar federal law has an exception for a minor possessing a gun “in the course of employment,” but it’s tough to conclude the exception would reasonably apply in this case. Under Colorado law, if any person knows a juvenile is possessing a gun illegally, as in Boebert’s case, and ‘fails to make reasonable efforts to prevent such violation,’ they commit the crime of ‘permitting a juvenile to possess a handgun.’” [Real Vail, 7/24/20]

**Boebert's Food Establishment Poisoned Dozens Of People With Tainted Pork Caused By “Improper Food Safety Practices.”** “Boebert’s defiance of the state order wasn’t the first time her restaurants, Shooters Grill and the now-shuttered Smokehouse 1776, wound up in the crosshairs of local health authorities. Records from the Garfield County department of public health show that they faulted Boebert’s establishments for literally—though not deliberately—poisoning dozens of customers. […] The main culprit was found to be the pork sliders, and those who ate them reported symptoms including bloody diarrhea, abdominal pain, nausea, and chills. Health authorities determined that the tainted pork was caused by ‘improper food safety practices of the unlicensed food providers.’” [Daily Beast, 7/9/20]

**Approximately 80 People Fell Ill After Eating Food Prepared By Smokehouse.** “Additional calls to GCPH had increased, an additional 38 people reported illness. Call logs of the reported ill now approximately 80 individuals, however GCPH has been able to directed contact and conduct full interviews for 17 of those reporting.” [Garfield County Public Health, Rife Rodeo Outbreak Report, accessed 7/1/20]

**Boebert’s Food Establishment Did Not Have A License To Operate At The Rodeo.** “The county health office began investigating, and quickly discovered that the event had been catered by ‘an unlicensed temporary retail food establishment associated with Shooters Grill.’ The meat served there ‘was smoked at Smokehouse 1776, a retail food establishment located in downtown Rifle, Colorado across the street from Shooters Grill and owned by the same person.” [Daily Beast, 7/9/20]