

**ORDER OF HEALTH OFFICER**  
**March 26, 2020**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus a pandemic;

WHEREAS, as of March 18, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates there are over 7000 cases and 97 deaths in the United States;

WHEREAS, most states in the United States are experiencing confirmed cases of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) recognizes COVID-19 as a threat to the residents of Montana;

WHEREAS, there are over 60 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State of Montana and 5 in Flathead County;

WHEREAS, the Flathead County Incident Command has activated response plans and protocols to prepare for cases of COVID-19 in Flathead County:

WHEREAS, proactively implementing mitigation measures to slow the spread of the virus is in the best interests of Flathead County and its people;

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is a new strain of Coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person-to-person;

WHEREAS, the CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "high" and has advised that person-to-person spread of the COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States, Montana, and Flathead County;

WHEREAS, based upon all of the above, the Governor of the State of Montana, in consultation with public health authorities, has issued directives regarding closures and social distancing;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 50-2-118 of the Montana Code Annotated, a local health officer in carrying out the purpose of the public health system shall take steps to limit contact between people in order to protect the public health from imminent threats, including but not limited to ordering the closure of buildings or facilities where people congregate and cancelling events;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Title 50, Chapter 2, Part 1, and specifically Section 50-2-118 of the Montana Code Annotated,

**EFFECTIVE at 11:59 pm March 26, and until 11:59pm on April 10, 2020 the following establishment and activities in Flathead County shall be closed to the public:**

- 1.) All body art establishments**
- 2.) All hair, cosmetic, or nail salons**
- 3.) All massage services except those contained within state-licensed physical therapy and chiropractic practices.**

**Violations of this order shall be punished pursuant to Sections 50-2-123 Montana Code Annotated.**



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