



**ORDER OF THE MISSOULA CITY-COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER
March 24, 2020**

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

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, as of March 23, 2020, the United States Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicates there are 33,404 cases resulting in 400 COVID-19 deaths in the United States;

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 Missoula County;

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, as of noon today, there are 46 cases of confirmed COVID-19 in Montana including six in Missoula County;

WHEREAS, the Missoula City-County Health Department has activated Incident Command and is implementing emergency response plans to this pandemic;

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



WHEREAS, the circumstances of this outbreak may exceed the capacity of the services, personnel, equipment, supplies and facilities of Missoula County and the major medical care centers located here;

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, that:

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY in Missoula County and until 11:59 pm on April 15:

- 1) The following places are closed to ingress, egress, use, and occupancy by members of the public:
 - a. Restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, and other similar establishments offering food or beverage for on-premises consumption;
 - b. Alcoholic beverage service businesses, including bars, taverns, brew pubs, breweries; microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, special licenses, clubs, and other establishments offering alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption;
 - c. Cigar bars;
 - d. Health clubs, health spas, gyms aquatic centers, pools and hot springs indoor recreational facilities;
 - e. Movie and performance theaters, nightclubs, concert halls, bowling alleys, bingo halls and music halls;
 - f. Casinos.
- 2) The places subject to this Order are permitted to offer food and beverage using delivery, window, walk-up and drive



through service. Walk-up services are required to keep customers at least six feet apart and allow no more than five people inside an establishment for pick-up and each individual or party, such as a family with young children in tow, shall be kept at least six feet apart from each other at all times.

EFFECTIVE at 11:59 pm March 24, and until 11:59 pm April 15, 2020 the following establishment and activities in Missoula County shall be closed to the public:

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

EFFECTIVE at 11:59 pm March 24, stores and all retail establishments in Missoula County not otherwise affected by this or any Governor's Directive shall maintain a separation of at least six feet between customers in line for assistance and check-out inside and outside the facility.

These orders may be modified and/or expanded and the effective dates may be extended and may be pre-empted by future directives of the Governor that are stricter than those contained within this City-County Health Officer Order.


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Date