

**ORDER OF HEALTH OFFICER REGARDING
QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION**

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

WHEREAS, as of April 29, 2020, the Johns Hopkins Map indicates that, due to COVID-19, there are 1,027,295 cases and 59,392 deaths in the United States;

WHEREAS, every state in the United States is 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 451 cases of COVID-19 in the State of Montana, 16 fatalities in the state, and 11 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Butte-Silver Bow County;

WHEREAS, the Butte-Silver Bow Public Health Command has activated response plans and protocols to prepare for cases of COVID-19 in Butte-Silver Bow;

WHEREAS, the Butte-Silver Bow Public Health Command has also worked to identify, contact and test individuals in Butte-Silver Bow who have been potentially exposed to COVID-19 in coordination with DPHHS and the CDC;

WHEREAS, proactively implementing mitigation measures to slow the spread of the virus is in the best interests of Butte-Silver Bow 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 Butte-Silver Bow;

WHEREAS, the circumstances of this outbreak may exceed the capacity of the services, personnel, equipment, supplies and facilities of Butte-Silver Bow;

WHEREAS, the Butte-Silver Bow Board of Health has the duty to protect the public from the introduction and spread of communicable disease or other conditions of public health importance, including through actions to ensure the removal of filth or other contaminants that might cause disease or adversely affect public health;

WHEREAS, the Butte-Silver Bow Board of Health has determined that the potential spread of COVID-19 constitutes a public health emergency and actions must be taken to avert and minimize the outbreak of this communicable disease;

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;

WHEREAS, the Butte-Silver Bow Board of Health has determined that the local health officer should institute her authority to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within Butte-Silver Bow;

WHEREAS, based upon all of the above, the governor of the State of Montana, in consultation with public health authorities, had previously announced a stay-at-home directive for the state;

WHEREAS, the governor then announced a phased reopening of the state;

WHEREAS, the governor's "Reopening the Big Sky" phased approach says that all individuals not sharing a household, when in public, should maximize physical distance from others;

WHEREAS, the governor's phased approach says individuals should avoid gathering in groups of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing;

WHEREAS, the governor's phased approach is based on up-to-date data and preparedness, mitigates risk of resurgence, and protects the most vulnerable;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Title 50, Chapter 2, Part 1, and specifically Section 50-2-118(2) of the Montana Code Annotated, **the Butte-Silver Bow health officer is authorized to** 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.

- In order to protect Butte-Silver Bow citizens and county employees from COVID-19, Butte-Silver Bow's non-essential local government offices will be closed to the public through Phase I of the governor's phased approach. Butte-Silver Bow's offices will still be staffed with employees who will continue to offer their full range of services by phone and email from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Payment options are currently provided by phone, email or online.
- Butte-Silver Bow will have a payment and document drop box located outside of the Courthouse located at 155 W. Granite St. The Water Utility Division has a drop box for payments located outside of its building at 124 W. Granite St.
- If citizens need to drop off documentation such as building plans and applications, citizens are asked to call the respective department they are working with, and department staff will meet citizens in front of the Courthouse building.
- Essential services, such as those performed by the Butte-Silver Bow Fire Department, Police Department, Health Department, and Public Works, will continue to be fully operational.
- Butte-Silver Bow's Council of Commissioners will continue to hold its meetings remotely through web-based video conferencing and call-in functionality. Citizens are asked to participate by using the call-in number of submitting written comments.

This directive and order shall be effective April 29, 2020 and will continue until Phase II of the governor's phased reopening plan.

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**HEALTH OFFICER FOR
THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW, MONTANA**

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