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Beaverhead County Public Health Directive
Phase One Reopening
April 24, 2020

OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue to practice physical distancing and keep 6 feet apart when in public.
- Continue to practice good handwashing.
- Any person with symptoms of illness must isolate until well.
- Continue to avoid all non-essential travel.
- Strong recommendation to wear face coverings when in public.
- 2 weeks of quarantine continue to be mandated by the Governor for persons arriving from out of country or state for non-work-related purposes.
- People over age 65 with underlying medical conditions should continue to isolate.
- If a business requires driving in a vehicle with non-family members, face coverings **MUST** be worn.
- Do not gather in groups of more than 10 people and continue appropriate physical distancing.
- Gyms, pools, and hot tubs remain closed.
- Other places of assembly remain closed (e.g. movie and performance theaters, concert halls).

ALL SETTINGS

- Health assessments must be conducted for all employees at the beginning of each shift.
- In establishments where customers wait in a line, non-household customers should remain physically distanced.
- Waiting areas where the public may congregate must be closed.
- Customers should be encouraged to call for a reservation or an appointment, or establishments should use an online wait listing application.
- Physical distancing of 6 feet must be maintained between non-congregate customers, this may require:
 - A reduction in capacity;
 - Appointment/Reservations should be utilized.
 - Systems that reduce the amount of contact time between customers and staff

EMPLOYER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Develop and implement appropriate policies, in accordance with Federal, State, and local regulations and guidance, and informed by industry best practices, regarding:
 - Social distancing and protective equipment.

- Temperature checks and/or symptom screening. Do not allow people with a temperature of 100 degrees F to work. Do not allow sick people to work.
- Collaborate with public health on testing, isolating, and contact tracing,
- Sanitation.
- Use and disinfection of common and high-traffic areas
- Continue to ENCOURAGE TELEWORK whenever possible and feasible with business operations.
- When telework is not feasible it is encouraged to ACCOMMODATE ALTERNATE WORK SCHEDULES such as shift work and staggered scheduling in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines.
- Close COMMON AREAS where personnel are likely to congregate and interact; or enforce strict social distancing protocols.
- MINIMIZE NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESS TRAVEL.
- SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS should be made for members of a VULNERABLE POPULATION or those with vulnerable household members.

SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- SENIOR LIVING OR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES must continue to prohibit visitors. Those who do interact with residents and patients must ensure strict protocols regarding hygiene and protection are followed.
 - This includes daily screening of staff for symptoms and preventing ill workers from working.
 - Face coverings for all staff.
- CHILD CARE FACILITIES can remain operational but should follow State and local guidelines regarding operational levels and occupancy.

MAIN STREET AND RETAIL BUSINESSES: OPEN 4-27-20

- Businesses can become operational with reduced capacity and where strict physical distancing protocols can be maintained.
- Social distancing must be enforced in the building.
- Staff and customers must wear face coverings.
- Surfaces, door handles need to be cleaned regularly. Surfaces touched by customers need to be cleaned between customers such as point of service machines.
- No public waiting area. Reservations/appointments encouraged. Curbside service encouraged.
- Suspend complimentary food/drink offerings.
- Staff and customers should be symptom free. Symptomatic staff or customers should be asked to isolate at home.
- GYMS / POOLS / HOT TUBS remain closed.

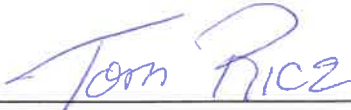
FAITH ORGANIZATIONS: OPEN 4-26-20

- PLACES OF WORSHIP can become operational with reduced capacity and where strict physical distancing protocols can be maintained between non-household members.
 - Youth groups can meet if physical distancing can be implemented.
 - People can sit in family groups but must social distance otherwise. No limitations on church attendance as long as distancing is followed.
 - Block off every other pew with tape.

- A reduction in capacity
- Increasing spacing, removing stations, or marking stations as closed
- Providing for a physical barrier between stations
- A reduction of seating in service areas. No waiting areas.
- Systems that reduce the amount of contact time between customers and staff
- Chairs, surfaces, and equipment need to be sanitized between clients.
- Suspend complimentary food/drink offerings.

This Directive will remain in effect until the Governor of the State of Montana announces the next State Directive.

Signed this day, April 24, 2020.



Tom Rice
Chair
Beaverhead City-County Health Board



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- No shaking hands, no use of bread and wine—please use symbolic body and blood of life. No sharing of the peace.
- No church coffee hour or shared food or drink.
- No greeting of church leaders after end of church.
- Wear face coverings while in church.
- Special church musicians need to be distanced 6 feet apart.
- Encourage continued virtual church visits for at risk members. Some may need technical support to feel included in this.

OUTDOOR RECREATION GUIDELINES: OPEN 4-27-20

- Public lands, fishing access sites, and parks are encouraged to continue to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for local and regional users provided that users can adhere to strict social distancing guidelines and facilities follow frequent sanitizing protocols.
- Areas that cannot practicably implement social distancing requirements or sanitation needs will remain closed.
- No out of state clients allowed unless they have undergone the 2-week governor mandate quarantine.
- Guides and clients may travel no more than 3 together in a vehicle if wearing facial coverings.
- If in a boat, face coverings must be in place by all parties. Physical distancing should continue as much as possible.
- Shuttling of vehicles will involve no more than 3 in a shuttled vehicle, they must wear face coverings. All surfaces touched must be sanitized.
- The golf course will keep the clubhouse closed as it is considered a restaurant/bar.
- Bannack and Big Hole Battlefield: All buildings need to be closed. Outdoor use of the park is allowed. Visitors should check the status of any closures and restrictions before traveling.
- Campgrounds will be open. People should exercise care with shared bathroom facilities and practice social distancing.
- Single family camping only allowed.
- Parks/Playgrounds may be used with strict social distancing and hand hygiene following playground use.

ORGANIZED YOUTH ACTIVITIES: OPEN 4-27-20

- Can become operational if physical distancing guidelines can be implemented.
- Avoid gathering in groups of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing.

PERSONAL CARE (SALONS, MASSAGE, BODY ART, ETC.): OPEN 4-27-20

- Operations that require close personal contact for an extended period result in exposing staff and customers to greater levels of risk. These situations require additional safety and health precautions.
- Screen customers prior to appointment for symptoms of fever, shortness of breath or a cough. Customers that have any of these symptoms must be rescheduled.
- Utilize a face covering for all staff and for all customers.
- Stylist/artist/service-provider and customer would be a “station” that would be 6 feet away from other “stations”.