



HEALTH OFFICER ORDER

March 20, 2020

WHEREAS, the Board of Health, County of Sheridan, State of Montana, 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, Sheridan County's Health Officer 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; and;

WHEREAS, the local health officer should institute her authority to close buildings and facilities to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the County of Sheridan, Montana.

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

- **The following places are CLOSED to ingress, egress, use, and occupancy by members of the public:**
 - Restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, and other similar establishments offering food or beverage for on-premises consumption **EXCEPT for drive-through, delivery, and pick-up services.**
 - Alcoholic beverage service businesses, including bars, taverns, brew pubs, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, special licensees, clubs, and other establishments offering alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption.
 - Cigar bars.
 - Barber shops, beauty salons, nail salons, and tattoo parlors
 - Health clubs, health spas, gyms, aquatic centers, pools and hot springs, fitness studios, and indoor recreational facilities.
 - Movie and performance theaters, nightclubs, concert halls, bowling alleys, bingo halls, and music halls.
 - Casinos.
 - Public meeting rooms throughout the county

- **All other stores, businesses, and establishments, shall limit attendance to TEN (10) people, exclusive of staff, with the following exceptions:**
 - **Rueb's SuperValu, Plentywood MT, will be limited to TWENTY (20) customers at one time.**
 - **The schools, Sheridan Memorial Hospital, La Casa Personal Care Home, Glen-wood, Inc., and Montana Pioneer Manor will be subject to Directives from the Office of the Governor of Montana.**

This order shall be effective at 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2020, through 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2020, pending further notification.

COMPLIANCE: Failure to comply with this order may result in criminal charges, pursuant to Section 50-2-123, Montana Code Annotated.

THIS ORDER WILL LIKELY BE EXTENDED.

Elizabeth Kleppen, PAC, Health Officer for Sheridan County

Sheridan County Board of Health; Sheridan County Board of Commissioners; and the Sheridan County Public Health Department