



HEALTH OFFICER ORDER Order #2 COVID19 March 27, 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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HERE BY ORDERED, pursuant to Title 50, Chapter 2, of the Montana Code Annotated:

- Any persons entering into Sheridan County from outside the county lines and remaining in Sheridan County shall self-quarantine for a period of fourteen (14) days upon arrival within the County.
- Persons passing through Sheridan County must maintain six (6) feet of separation from all other people and proceed on their journey without delay.
- Essential employees who must travel to other counties to perform their usual work duties must do so in a manner that minimizes time out of Sheridan County and maintains (six) 6 feet of separation from other persons except as required to carry out their usual work duties.
- All individuals who enter Sheridan County for any length of time are to abide by the 14-day quarantine. A person who departs and then returns to Sheridan County will self-quarantine for another 14-day time period. This requirement applies to all persons who newly entered Sheridan County within the previous 48 hours of the effective date and time of this order.
- During any period of self-quarantine, the individual subject to the same shall remain indoors to the greatest extent possible, and shall limit all interactions with individuals. When interacting with any individuals, such interaction should occur in a way that accommodates at least (6) feet of distance between the individuals.
- This order does not supplant or nullify any previous Health Officer Order previously issued, and is an independent requirement enforced above and beyond all currently operable Executive Orders and Health Directives issued by the Governor of the State of Montana.
- This order shall be strictly enforced.

This order shall be effective at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, March 28, 2020, through 8:00 p.m. Monday, April 12, 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