

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Sheridan County has issued the following Health Order, effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, March 28, 2020:

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.

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Businesses that are identified as essential /critical must limit access inside their doors.

1. Restaurants must only allow pickup (curb side) outside of business or by drive through window. Customers will not be allowed inside any restaurant; they must wait outside in their vehicle for their order.

2. All other stores, businesses, and establishments, shall limit attendance to TEN (10) people, exclusive of staff, with the following exceptions:
 - a. Rueb's SuperValu, Plentywood MT, will be limited to TWENTY (20) customers at one time.
3. All stores must limit one shopper per family.
4. Convenience Stores must limit access to their buildings and maintain 6-foot separation between customers. They also need to limit one person per family/vehicle to enter the store.
5. All other essential/critical businesses must also maintain the 6-foot requirement.

For purposes of enforcement, the County recognizes the logistical difficulties attendant to this sort of order. We will be relying on the good-faith cooperation of community partners to be compliant with this order. However, if non-compliance becomes habitual, penalties may be assessed as needed to enforce the order.