

## **ORDER OF HEALTH OFFICER April 23, 2020**

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

WHEREAS, all states in the United States, including Montana, have experienced confirmed cases of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Yellowstone County Unified Health Command has activated response plans and protocols to prepare for cases of COVID-19 in Yellowstone County with tremendous success thus far;

WHEREAS, the Yellowstone County Unified Health Command has also worked to identify, contact, and as appropriate quarantine, monitor, and/or test individuals in Yellowstone County who have been potentially exposed to COVID-19 in coordination with the State of Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control;

WHEREAS, proactively implementing mitigation and containment measures to slow the spread of the virus is in the best interests of Yellowstone County and its people;

WHEREAS, however, the reignition of the economy and the status of the community's mental health is also vital and in the best interests of Yellowstone County and its people;

WHEREAS, safeguards have been implemented to mitigate the circumstances of this outbreak's impact on the services, personnel, equipment, supplies and facilities of Yellowstone County;

WHEREAS, based upon all of the above, the Governor of the State of Montana, in consultation with public health authorities, on April 22, 2020 implemented a plan titled "Reopening the Big Sky: A Phased Approach" ("Plan");

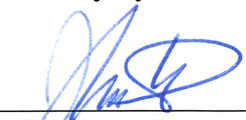
WHEREAS, the Plan provides specific, phased circumstances under which it is expected the State of Montana and its people may begin the process of opening previously closed or altered businesses, organizations and workplaces;

WHEREAS, Yellowstone County's Health Officer has determined that the Governor's Plan aligns with the County's priorities, needs and circumstances as of this date;

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, and the Governor's Plan does so;

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

**Effective at 12:01am MST on Saturday April 25, 2020, the Plan implemented by the Governor of Montana shall be reinforced, ordered and in effect for the County of Yellowstone, and all previous Orders of the Health Officer related to the COVID-19 outbreak are hereby rescinded as of the effective date. This Order is subject to the requirements for operations set forth by the Public Health Department for businesses and individuals any other Order, Directive or Guideline deemed necessary by the Public Health Officer.**

  
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JOHN FELTON  
HEALTH OFFICER FOR CITY-COUNTY OF YELLOWSTONE, MONTANA