

ORDER OF HEALTH OFFICER September 3, 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;

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, 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, on July 15, 2020 the Governor of the State of Montana issued an order requiring face coverings in certain situations where social distancing cannot be maintained or is not observed;

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2020, in conjunction with County schools, it was determined that additional safeguards were necessary to attempt to minimize exposure of students and staff during school-sanctioned activities until such time as it was determined such safeguards could be relaxed;

WHEREAS, at this time the County schools and Public Health Officer have determined that such schools are able to determine and maintain adequate precautionary measures without the need for a universal order;

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Effective immediately, the Health Officer's order of August 18, 2020, and its accompanying Plan, shall be no longer in effect. In its place, each County school shall develop, maintain, and modify as appropriate to evolving conditions related to COVID-19, a Plan appropriate for its facilities, students and guests. These Plans shall minimize contact among participants and guests, require compliance with all applicable Governor's and Public Health Officer's orders and directives, and take all reasonable measures to ensure continued attempts to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



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