

ORDER OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
March 18, 2020

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

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is a new strain of Coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person-to-person;

WHEREAS, as of March 15, 2020, the United States Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicates there are over 1600 cases and 41 deaths in the United States;

WHEREAS, the CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States *as "high"* and has advised that person-to-person spread of the COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States, Montana, and Lake County;

WHEREAS, most states in the United States are experiencing confirmed cases of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) recognizes COVID-19 as a threat to the residents of Montana;

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Commissioners has declared a public health emergency on March 17, 2020 to implement emergency response plans to this pandemic;

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

WHEREAS, the circumstances of this outbreak may exceed the capacity of the services, personnel, equipment, supplies and facilities of Lake County and the medical care centers located here;

WHEREAS, based upon all of the above, the Governor of the State of Montana, in consultation with public health authorities, has strongly recommended the limiting of all gatherings, specifically gatherings of more than 50 people;

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;

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,

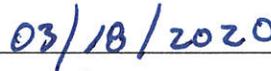
- 1) Food service establishments shall limit dine-in services to less than 10 people and encourage separation distances in the dining area.
- 2) Food service establishments shall utilize walk-up, drive-through, take-out, or delivery service wherever practical.
- 3) All food service establishments shall follow as part of their operating procedures the recommendations outlined in attached Department of Public Health and Human Services' "Recommendations for Grocery Stores, Eateries, Public Gatherings, and Sanitarians."

This order is in place until otherwise amended.



Bill Barron, Commissioner

Chair of the Lake County Board of Health



Date