

Health Officer Order 2020-03

WHEREAS the County of Valley Board of Health has the duty to protect the public from the introduction and spread of communicable diseases or other conditions of public health importance, including through actions to ensure the prevention and removal of any contaminants that might cause disease, or adversely affect public health;

WHEREAS Valley 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 shall take steps to limit contact between the people in order to protect public health;

WHEREAS on March 27, 2020, the Valley County Health Officer issued Order 2020-02;

WHEREAS clarification has been sought on the applicability of State agents and officers who may be required from time to time to enter Valley County intermittently,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Title 50, Ch. 2 of the Montana Code annotated:

1. Health Officer Order 2020-02 does not and shall not be construed to apply to any law enforcement officer or peace officer as contemplated by Title 7 Chapter 32 of the Montana Code Annotated, nor any designate of such officers, who may be required to enter into Valley County for law enforcement and public safety purposes as may be necessary during the duration of the order.
2. Further, Health Officer Order 2020-02 shall not be construed to be applicable to any governmental agent who has been designated as essential personnel by the Governor of the State of Montana while they are acting in the course of their respective duties, but is applicable to any period of time in which they remain in Valley County and are not acting in the course of their employment.
3. This order shall be construed holistically with Health Officer Order 2020-02, and is retroactive as to the date that order was issued.

This order shall be effective immediately.



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Valley County Health Officer