

Health Officer Order 2020-04

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 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 26, 2020, Governor Steve Bullock issued his Directive Implementing Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020 providing measures to stay at home and designating certain essential functions;

WHEREAS the Governor has directed that all businesses and operations in the State except Essential Business and Operations are required to cease all activities within the State of Montana;

WHEREAS counties may adopt more restrictive ordinances in addition to those set forth by the State of Montana;

WHEREAS it is necessary in the interest of guidance, fairness, and clarity to make specific determinations at the local level as to whether a proposed business activity is indeed essential;

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

- 1. Any work, planning, assessment, or other improvement activities occurring within Valley County that relies on or uses work crews consisting of any individual or individuals who reside outside Valley County to enter and/or stay in Valley County shall, no later than 14 days prior to beginning work, contact the Valley County Health Department and describe, with specificity, the work that is being undertaken.**
- 2. Any such work shall NOT commence until specific and formal approval has been given from the Valley County Health Officer for such work to occur.**
- 3. While such work is undertaken, work crews shall continue to comply with any and all other local health orders and directives issued by the Governor of the State of Montana and the Valley County Health Officer.**
- 4. 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 effective at 12:01 on April 2,2020 and shall continue to be effective until lifted by a subsequent order.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Anne Millard, M.D.", written over a horizontal line.

ANNE MILLARD, M.D.
Valley County Health Officer