

## **ORDER OF HEALTH OFFICER April 24, 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 CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "high" and has advanced that person-to-person spread of the COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States, Montana, and Stillwater County;

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

WHEREAS, the Stillwater County Health Department has activated Unified Command and is implementing emergency response plans and protocols to prepare for cases in Stillwater County;

WHEREAS, the Stillwater County Unified Command has also worked to identify, contact, and as appropriate quarantine, monitor, and/or test individuals in Stillwater 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 CDC;

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

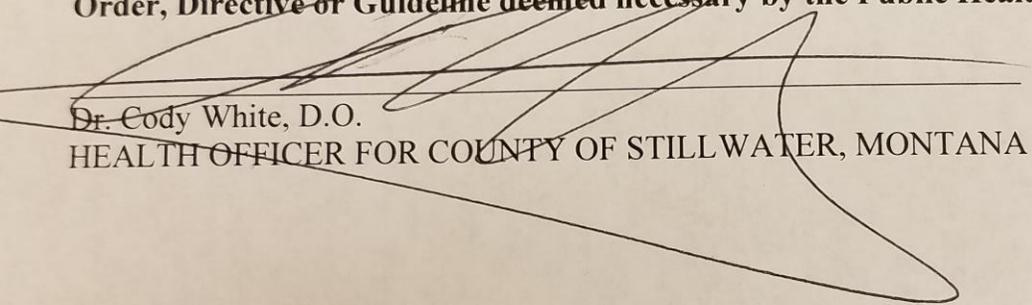
WHEREAS, the Stillwater County Board of Health has the duty to protect the public from the introduction and spread of communicable disease or other conditions of public health

importance, including through actions to ensure the removal of filth or other contaminants that might cause disease or adversely affect public health;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 50-2-118 of the Montana Code Annotated, a local health officer in carrying out the purpose of 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 12:01 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 Stillwater, 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 or any other Order, Directive or Guideline deemed necessary by the Public Health Officer.**



Dr. Cody White, D.O.

HEALTH OFFICER FOR COUNTY OF STILLWATER, MONTANA