

**ORDER OF HEALTH OFFICER REGARDING
INDIVIDUAL QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION**

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

WHEREAS, as of Aug. 31, 2020, the United States Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicates there are more than 6 million cases and 184,000 deaths in the United States;

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

WHEREAS, as of Aug. 31, 2020, there are 115 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Butte-Silver Bow;

WHEREAS, the Butte-Silver Bow Unified Health Command has activated response plans and protocols to prepare for additional cases of COVID-19 in Butte-Silver Bow:

WHEREAS, the Butte-Silver Bow Unified Health Command has also worked to identify, contact, and test individuals in Butte-Silver Bow 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, proactively implementing mitigation measures to slow the spread of the virus is in the best interests of Butte-Silver Bow and its people;

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, 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 Butte-Silver Bow;

WHEREAS, the City-County of Butte-Silver Bow's 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, the City-County of Butte-Silver Bow's Board of Health 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 and;

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;

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, the health officer is authorized to establish and maintain quarantine and isolation measures, as adopted by the Butte-Silver Bow Board of Health. Specifically:

QUARANTINE

1. All persons with COVID-19 symptoms (including fever, cough, and or/ difficult breathing) who have a test result for COVID-19 pending or who have been identified as a close contact of someone who is a known case for COVID-19, shall stay in a quarantine location in their home if they have one, or in a government-directed or publicly provided location if one is available) in accordance with public health guidance and the conditions stated below.
2. All persons whose test results for COVID-19 are positive, must then remain in isolation.

ISOLATION

1. All individuals who test positive for COVID-19 shall enter and remain in isolation as follows:
 - o All such persons SHALL NOT LEAVE THEIR HOME OR RECOVERY FACILITY, except to receive medical care.

- o All such persons must discontinue isolation only upon being released from isolation by Butte-Silver Bow Health Department staff using current guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

CONDITIONS OF QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION

All individuals in quarantine or isolation must:

1. As much as possible, keep separated from other people and animals.
2. Stay in a separate "sick room" if possible.
3. Use a separate bathroom, if available.
4. Clean all "high-touch" surfaces daily.
5. Cover coughs and sneezes and wash hands often.
6. Avoid sharing personal household items such as towels and kitchen utensils.
7. If something is required that is available from an essential business, such as food, obtain the item by delivery or from others who are not in quarantine or isolation and in a manner that does not require face-to-face contact with others or entry into the isolation location.
8. If symptoms worsen, contact a healthcare provider as frequently as necessary to determine if the disease is progressing and additional care is needed. Except for emergencies, call a physician or health clinic first before visiting.
9. If attending a medical appoint, avoid public transportation and wear a face covering if available.

Violations of this order shall be enforced pursuant to Sections 50-2-123 and 50-2-124, Montana Code Annotated.

This health officer order shall remain in effect until further notice.

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Karen Sullivan

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HEALTH OFFICER FOR CITY-COUNTY OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW, MONTANA

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