

Valley County Health Department  
500 4<sup>th</sup> Ave South  
Glasgow, Montana 59230

### Teleconference Meeting

**May 5, 2020**

The Board of Health Meeting was held on Tuesday May 5, 2020 at 5:15 pm via teleconference. Board members present: Chairman Clay Berger, Chelsie McAllister, Bronwin Hanshew. Others in attendance: Mary Armstrong, Dr. Millard, Lynn Miller, Cam Shipp RS, Ella Tweten, Tisa Seiler and Teri Long.

Clay called the meeting to order. No addition or corrections from last meeting.

Dr. Millard gave an update on COVID-19. Best news of cases is 2 on Saturday, 0 Sunday, 2 Monday and 0 today. Yellowstone county has 3, Cascade 3 and Toole county has 7 active cases, and there are 12 active cases in the entire state. Roosevelt has zero active cases and Valley county has none. Northeast Montana has no cases. North Dakota is still going up. National Guard has been in Williams County in Williston, North Dakota to assist in testing. Still testing at the FMDH Respiratory Clinic, phone number is 228-3509. Patients can call in instead of going to the ER. The ER is for those in respiratory distress. The respiratory clinic sees and swabs 0-7 people a day to test for COVID.

Cam Shipp RS gave an update on Reopening the Big Sky-Phase I, regarding the Bars, Restaurants and Casino's. We have received 15-20 plans on how they will be operating. The businesses are doing their best and it is tough on everyone. Will see a lot of everything to fit their business. Cam will continue to offer guidance and answer questions. Chamber summer activities such as Dam run, Walleye tournament, Governors Cup, Catfish Classic and Alive at Five are up in the air currently. The Chamber will continue to plan so when Phase II comes around, they will be ready. Cam talked to Jory at the city about the Rec Department. They are also asking for guidelines and with Phase II they want to continue to plan to open and they should do that. Both entities are looking for guidance from the Health Department. We are putting together guidelines for youth activities--fishing, biking, t-ball, archery those types of things. As it gets beyond that for Adults our hands are tied as we wait for Phase II to come along. No date for Phase I transition to Phase II.

Lynn stated that the Health Department is getting questions about youth activities and asking for guidance for they youth activities and we are taking it directly from the Governors orders. Hoping to compile in a way that makes it easy for those looking for guidance. There are new things coming out every day and today the Governor opened swimming pools for hotels, but not anywhere else.

Phase 1 openings of restaurants, bars, casinos, and breweries has begun. The businesses who wanted to open have submitted plans and those who chose not to will continue with pickup/delivery and curbside service.

Clay stated that two board members, Maggan and Chelsie, have expiring terms. Lynn will contact Chelsie for her decision. Maggan told Lynn she will continue being the Health Board. Everyone has been emailed the board members contact information. Please check it over to make sure everything is correct.

Dr. Millard asked about the gymnastics as a kid's activity opening. Cam received an information from them regarding guidelines and they are well thought out. Dr. Millard really would like to see the youth activities continue.

No public comment- none

Clay asked for a motion to adjourn and Dr. Millard second it. Motion carried.



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Clay Berger, Chairman

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## Board of Health Weekly COVID-19 Emergency Teleconference Meeting

**May 12, 2020**

The Board of Health Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 5:15pm via teleconference. Board members present: Chairman Clay Berger, Chelsie McAllister, Bronwin Hanshew, Amber Swindler, Maggan Walstad. Others in attendance: Health Officer Anne Millard, Commissioner Mary Armstrong, Lynn Miller, Ella Tweten and Tisa Seiler.

Clay **called the meeting to order**. Clay suggested that the title of the weekly meetings be changed from Board of Health to Weekly COVID-19 Emergency meetings. Clay asked for any comments on the Additions/Deletions and asked for motion to approve those minutes, Maggan **moved to approve the minutes** and Dr. Millard seconded it. Motion carried.

Clay called for **public comments**- none were made.

**Health Officer report:** Dr. Millard stated the as of today Montana had 461 cases and as of today, no new cases in Valley County. Montana had two on Sunday, one on Monday in Jefferson County, one today in Bighorn, and one in Cascade County. Montana has 20 active cases, with four hospitalized and 16 deaths in Montana. South Dakota keeps going up but in the southeast of the state. North Dakota is around 100 per day, Idaho is 40-50 per day, and Wyoming is 20-30 per day. Canada's numbers are going up around 100 per day. Overall, the governor's plan is doing fine. Just hoping that other states would start opening. Dr. Millard has no problems with things opening this Friday under the governor's order.

**Sanitarian report:** Cam was not at the meeting.

**Health Department Report:** Lynn Miller stated that we have an opportunity for more funding, and she will spend time on this. Lynn has been working to have the agenda and minutes meet the legal requirements. We will follow the same agenda for each weekly meeting with one change to take out #3 Additions/Deletions. She has been working on guidelines for concessions for the summer and discussing the changes that will occur with Phase II and the numbers going up to groups of 50 people. Health Department is business as usual.

Guidelines released to public

- 5/11/2020 Phase I Guidelines Youth Activities

### Unscheduled matters/concerns

Maggen likes the questions/answers that have been posted on Facebook for the Health Department and thinks it is very useful. We will put the agenda on Facebook and the county

website. We just received our survey results today and should be able to report results at the June 9 regular meeting

Clay and Dr. Millard have received calls about people leaving the state. Dr. Millard informs the callers that out of state people must obey the governors' orders of the 14-day quarantine.

Regarding the order for people coming in from out of state, the Governor may change that for Phase II, but right now the only major change is an increase in the number of people who can gather from 10 to 50.

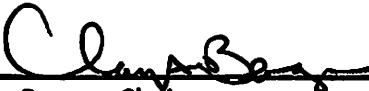
The state is getting 19,500 swabs and will any be for Valley County from the state and are they doing the nursing home?

Nursing homes, their staff, employees, and residents are being tested first with most nursing homes collecting the samples using their own staff. Assisted living centers and the tribes will be done next. Roosevelt does not have any new cases.

Amber had a question regarding the opening of kid's youth activities. Lynn will be sending the Youth Activities Guidelines to all Board members. Lynn will remember to send all guidance that is supplemental to the Governor's orders to the Board after approval from the Commissioners.

Amber had questions about the Rec Center and the pool opening. Dr. Millard stated that should be opening and might be under Phase II. Dr. Millard's concern with the indoor/outdoor pools is that indoor pools have the same but some difference standards than outdoor pools. The outdoor pool currently is not opening.

Clay asked if anything else, no response. Clay called meeting adjourned.

 6/9/2020  
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Clay Berger, Chairman

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STATE OF MONTANA VALLEY COUNTY  
RECORDED: 06/11/2020 2:31 KOI: MINUTES  
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## Board of Health Weekly COVID-19 Emergency Teleconference Meeting

**May 19, 2020**

The Board of Health Emergency Meeting was held on Tuesday May 19, 2020 at 5:15pm via teleconference.

Board members present: Amber Swindler. Others in attendance: Health Officer Dr. Millard, Lynn Miller, Cam Shipp RS, Ella Tweten, Tisa Seiler, and Teri Long.

**Health Officer** - The Health Department discussed the COVID cases in North Dakota with Dr. Millard stating that most cases are near Fargo. The group discussed Governor Bullock's announcement of Phase II which will begin June 1.

**Sanitarian** – Cam continues to get many questions about events and how the planners should proceed. Each event planner is asked to submit a written plan for review at the Health Department. Once received, the Department is reviewing and providing feedback as to how the event can be run with the safety considerations in place.

**Health Department** – We have several questions about outdoor swimming pools. Lynn will ask at the state level about this as the Governor has only addressed pools associated with gym memberships. We will have our family planning clinic tomorrow, May 20.


Guidelines released to the public

- 5/18/2020 Concessions Guidelines

**Unscheduled matters/concerns** –

With the change to Phase 2 on June 1, we will suspend the weekly emergency meetings at this time. Members will be notified if an emergency meeting is called.

Adjourn by consensus.

  
Clay Berger, Chairman

The next meeting will be June 9, 2020 unless otherwise announced. Attendance may be in person or by phone. Call in number is 571-748-4021; pin 2672541#

Health Officer Order

2020-01

WHEREAS, the County of Valley'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, 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 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; and,

WHEREAS, the local health officer should institute his authority to close buildings and facilities to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the County of Valley, Montana.

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:

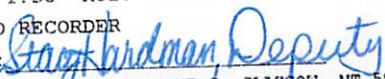
All bars, brew pubs, casinos, and restaurants, except for drive-through, delivery and pick-up services, shall be closed to the public. Further, all gymnasiums, athletic clubs, fitness studios, and yoga studios are to be closed as well. Brick and mortar businesses, shall limit attendance to 10 people, exclusive of staff.

This order shall be effective at 7:00pm Thursday, March 19, 2020 through 7:00p.m. April 1, 2020, pending further notification.

COMPLIANCE: Failure to comply with this order may result in criminal charges, pursuant to Section 50-2-123, MCA.



Dr. Anne Millard  
HEALTH OFFICER FOR VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA

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### **Health Order Best Practices Supplement**

**For your information and guidance, this supplement is offered as a means to educate local business owners and goods providers in ensuring they are taking appropriate steps to comply with the Health Order:**

- 1. For bars and restaurants, the closure of indoor dining to patrons, with the exclusion of take away orders and brief entry to that end, the closure is explicit. This is inclusive of any local leagues (i.e. bowling league, dart league, pool league, poker games, etc.). Compliance will be strictly enforced.**
- 2. For purposes of hardware stores and grocery stores, keep customer levels below twenty (20) people at any given time.**
- 3. For all other business, efforts should be made to limit customer levels on premises to ten (10) people at any given time.**
- 4. Other large areas of congregation, such as the Valley Event Center, a hard closure will be enforced, and all currently scheduled practices and events shall be cancelled.**

**For purposes of enforcement, the County recognizes the logistical difficulties attendant to this sort of order. We will be relying on the good-faith cooperation of community partners to be compliant with this order. However, if non-compliance becomes habitual, penalties may be assessed as needed to enforce the order. The County is working with the Chamber of Commerce as a point of contact to answer logistical questions, and we encourage business owners to work with them to get those questions answered to ensure expectations are clearly defined.**