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**Press Release**  
Board of Health Emergency Rule

Today, the Gallatin City-County Board of Health adopted an emergency rule to align local Phase 1 reopening guidelines with those laid out by [Governor Bullock's April 22 directive](#) that provides guidance and requirements for the first phase of Montana's phased reopening plan.

The Board voted 8-1 to adopt the rule, which had a few minor differences from the statewide directives. Those differences include:

- The local rule outlines specific metrics that the Board will use to determine how to move ahead to Phase 2 of reopening
- Details to inform the public how local officials will enforce the rule.

The provisions of local emergency rule - such as which business can open, when, and required public health safeguards - are identical to the statewide directives issued by Gov. Bullock. Also today, Gallatin City-County Health Officer Matt Kelley signed a health officer order that mirrors the local Board rule and opens the door for enforcement through civil litigation if necessary.

You can read the emergency rule [here](#) and the health order [here](#). And you can listen to a recording of today's Board of Health meeting [here](#).

The Gallatin City-County Health Department Call Center is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to answer questions about COVID-19. Reach the Call Center by phone at 406-548-0123 or email at [callcenter@readygallatin.com](mailto:callcenter@readygallatin.com).

The most accurate local source of information remains the GCCHD website <https://www.healthygallatin.org/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

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