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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.

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