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Revised Order of Health Officer for Cascade County COVID-19 Response

Great Falls, MT — Yesterday, Wednesday, March 25th, two additional cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in Cascade County, bringing the county’s total to five cases.

Cascade City-County Health Department’s infectious disease team is conducting contact investigations on both new cases to minimize additional transmission.

“We understand that the community may be concerned to hear of new cases,” said Trisha Gardner, Health Officer for the City of Great Falls and Cascade County. “I want to stress again that now is the time to be decisive in the measures we take to prevent the spread of COVID-19. That’s why Governor Bullock’s directives and local health orders are so critical right now.”

In order to promote effective social distancing, Gardner is extending and modifying the March 20th Order of Health Officer which was initially set to expire this Friday, March 27th, at 8am.

The revised Order of Health Officer is effective from 11:59pm this evening, March 26th, through 11:59pm on Friday, April 10th, 2020.

According to this order, the following establishments and activities in Cascade County shall be closed to ingress, egress, use, and occupancy by members of the public:

   a. All body art, tattoo, and piercing establishments;
   b. All hair, nail, and cosmetic salons/studios;
   c. All hair, nail, and cosmetic schools/training facilities; and
   d. All spa and massage services, except those massage services contained within state-licensed physical therapy or chiropractic practices.

The full text of the revised Order of Health Officer is available on our website, www.cchdmt.org, which remains the best source of up-to-date local information on COVID-19.

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