



## Montana League of Cities and Towns Phase One Summary

### Montana Phased Reopening Approach – Released April 22

- Elected officials should *coordinate on a regional basis* to satisfy these criteria and to progress through the phases outlined in this document.
- Local public health officials can enact guidelines that are more restrictive than the State guidelines.
- Directive prohibiting termination or imposition of fees or charges for late payments on electricity, gas, sewer, water, phone, or internet is extended until May 24 (or until end of emergency for vulnerable populations)
- Swimming pools and places of assembly – event centers, community centers, performance centers – must remain closed until Phase Two.
- Remote public communication guidance from Attorney General remains in place throughout duration of emergency.

### Phase One:

#### April 26 (Sunday)

- *Individuals* – should continue to follow social distancing guidelines, avoid gatherings larger than 10 people, strongly encourage wearing non-medical mask, minimize non-essential travel. Vulnerable individuals should continue to shelter in place.
- *Churches* may resume services. Must maintain 6-foot distances or limit to less than 10.

#### April 27 (Monday):

- Previous designation of businesses as essential and non-essential terminates.
- *All employers* should continue to allow telework where possible, must close common areas, screen employees for symptoms at beginning of shift, increase cleaning and sanitizing, minimize non-essential business travel, and accommodate vulnerable individuals
- *Main Street, Retail, and other Non-Essential Businesses* can open. Must maintain 6-foot distances between customers within the store and in any lines at all times.
- *Personal Care Services* can open. Business must screen customers for fever, shortness of breath, or cough before appointment and reschedule if show symptoms; utilize face mask when practical; and maintain 6-foot distance between stations.
- *Outdoor recreation* businesses may resume operations. Campgrounds, group-use facilities, and playgrounds may be opened at discretion of local and state managers.
- *Organized youth activities* can resume with 6-foot distances or limit to less than 10.

#### May 4 (Monday):

- *Restaurants, bars, breweries, distilleries* may open for 50% capacity, with increased cleaning protocols, and close no later than 11:30 p.m. (unless state law requires earlier closing). May continue offering expanded delivery and takeout services. Customers must be served at tables, 6-feet of separation between customers, no more than 6 people per table, no self-service condiments.

#### May 7 (Thursday):

- Schools may reopen for in-classroom teaching, at discretion of local school boards.