

Hill County Board of Health (HCBOH)  
Friday , March 27 2020  
GoToMeeting Call  
1:00pm

**Present**

**Members:**

Diane McLean  
Mark Peterson  
Mike Wendland  
Erica McKeon-Hanson  
Kristi Kline

**Advisors**

Megan Wilkie  
Nicole Hungerford  
Karen Alley  
Kim Larson  
Dave Sheppard  
Clay Vincent  
Will Loret  
Jessica Sheehy  
Bridget Kallenberger

**Recorder:**

Cortney Detrick

**Absent:**

Christen Obresley

**Public:**

Jessica Kenned-Stiffarm – Hill County Family Planning Public Health Nurse  
Dave Sheppard – Hill County DES  
Lauren Bunton – Hill County PAT  
Susan Somers -Hill County Public Health Nurse  
Brittany Pfeifer – Administrative Assistant Hill County Commissioners  
Jamie Ross – Hill County Sheriff  
Janet Runnion – Rocky Boy Health Clinic  
Josh Margolis – News Media Broadcasters  
Kyndra Hall – Bullhook  
Desiree Norden – Bullhook

Patricia Alderson – Bullhook

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Brent Reber

Brianna Brenhardt

Bridgit Hemmer

Claire Stoner

Jessica Liese

Jode Hellegaard

Julie Miller

Julianne LaSmith

Kelly Matter

Misty Denny

Susan Berg

Tammy Barkus

Tiffany Carson

Jessica Sheehy, Hill County Health Officer, reported that Montana has 108 cases, which is a big jump within 24-48 hrs. Montana has also recorded the first state death from CoVid-19, no report of which County that occurred in. She also reported that Hill County has recorded their first case of CoVid-19. The patient is at home, cooperating and following orders. Hill County Health Department staff will be conducting follow up investigation protocol with the patient.

Karen Alley, Hill County Attorney, discussed the new Governor's Directive Order that has been issued and is in effect through April 10th . The order lists the closure of non-essential businesses that added beauty salons and tattoo parlors among others to the previous order. Daycare facilities are considered essential and will remain open.

Public question from Brigit Hemmer - "Can you tell us about testing capabilities in this County? I have concerns that people who need tests (in the state, not necessarily here) are not getting them because there are not enough tests and they only meet some of the criteria for testing".

Jessica Sheehy responded "We are not testing at will, don't have enough tests to just test anyone. We are following specific guideline testing protocol for all patients. It's a valid concern but we are unable to do that kind of testing at this time".

Public question from Lauren Bunton "I heard you have to have a letter saying you are an essential worker for travel, is that true?" Karen A. replied that no letter/form is required for essential travel.

Kristi Kline asked about how current restrictions would apply to out-of-town businesses operating in Havre? If they are not considered essential business, who would shut them down? Where would people make complaints to if they continue to stay open? Karen A. replied that a complaint should be communicated to the Hill County Health Department and further information would be reviewed by Hill County Attorney.

Public question from Josh (New Media Broadcast) “Are Golf Courses allowed to be open or closed.” Jessica S. replied that these businesses are a gray area. Right now, she is recommending that they be closed but may consider revisiting that requirement in a couple of weeks. She noted that Billings has closed all their parks and playgrounds.

Follow-up question: “What about Beaver Creek Park- it has not been closed?” Jessica S. replied that the BC Park is different than a private area golf course. As it is a public open access area, and 6’ distance can be obtained.

Erica M-K asked what essential business need to maintain to be in compliance to continue to be open?

Karen A. replied maintaining social distancing protocol:

- Maintain 6’ distance,
- Use of sanitizing products on-site
- Offer separate shopping hours for elderly/compromised health
- Offer Online, phone or email orders if possible
- Operate with minimum staff if possible.

Mike W. asked for suggestions for next meeting date. Considering the evolving pandemic, and to keep up-to-date on current status, Erica M-K and Kristi K. both suggested to keep meeting weekly each Friday at 1pm.

Mike W. adjourned meeting at 1:33 pm

Next meeting will be April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm