



# SANDERS COUNTY

## **Phase 2 Operating Recommendations – COVID-19 Pandemic** **Conducting Activities, Events, and Business in Sanders County** **Effective June 1, 2020**

This guideline supports the May 19, 2020 Governor's Directive implementing Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020 and establishing conditions for Phase Two.

These are general guidelines. All individuals should read current directives, and frequently asked questions available online at <https://covid19.mt.gov/>.

The Sanders County Board of Health allows individuals, organizations, and businesses to conduct activities and hold events unless they are specifically prohibited by the Governor's emergency orders and directives.

1. Sanders County will provide guidelines for compliance with executive orders and directives.
2. Sanders County will not write, review, or approve operational plans unless the activity, event, or business is under the contractual or statutory authority\*\* of Sanders County.
3. Individuals, organizations, and businesses are asked to consider the health and safety of others as you conduct activities, events, and business in Sanders County.

\*\*Please note that DPHHS-licensed establishments (hotels, restaurants, bars, swimming pools, tourist homes, caterers, etc.) must work directly with Sanders County for review and approval of specific operating plans.

## **OPERATING RECOMMENDATIONS**

**GOOD HYGIENE PRACTICES** – protect yourself and others with good personal hygiene.

- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces
- Avoid touching your face
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow
- Wear a cloth face covering in public settings

**SYMPTOM SCREENING** – ANYONE exhibiting symptoms below should be advised to go home and not go to work or be in public areas. Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue

- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

**GROUP SIZE** – avoid large gatherings.

- Events, activities, and groups with more than 50 people should cancel and reschedule
- Events, activities, and groups with up to 50 people should reschedule if social distancing cannot be maintained
- Businesses should limit the number of customers on their premise

**VULNERABLE PARTICIPANTS** – vulnerable individuals should be encouraged to follow stay-at-home guidance.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING** – protect each other by maintaining social distancing.

- Participants, customers, and workers must maintain at least 6 feet of distance when visiting with people outside of their household. A household is defined as individuals who comprise a family unit and who live together under the same roof.
- Participants, customers, and workers sharing common areas must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet from each other. If people cannot maintain the 6-foot distance, they should wear a cloth face cover that fully covers their face and nose.
- Participants, customers, and workers should be asked to leave if they cannot or will not maintain 6 feet of social distancing.

**CLOTH FACE COVERING** – we all could spread COVID-19 to others even if we do not feel sick.

- Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when going out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
- Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
- Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.
- Continue to keep 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

**CLEANING AND DISINFECTING:** Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as tables, light switches, doorknobs, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc. Follow CDC cleaning and disinfection recommendations found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility-H.pdf>

Use either of the recommendations below to disinfect frequently touched surfaces:

- Unexpired household bleach diluted by using 5 tablespoons (1/3<sup>rd</sup> cup) of household bleach per gallon of water and at least 60 seconds of contact time.
  - Read the label and follow safety precautions
  - Change at least daily (no more than 24 hours)
  - Leave solution on the surface for at least 1 minute, and air dry
  
- Household disinfectants on the Environmental Protection Agency's list of products effective at inactivating human coronavirus can be found at the following link: (<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>).
  - Read the label and follow safety precautions
  - Follow label instructions for application procedures and surface contact time

**BATHROOM FACILITIES** – clean and disinfect bathroom facilities before any event or business hours. Door handles, locks, latches, and any other frequently touched surfaces should be disinfected at a minimum of every hour during special events and at least every four hours while a business is open.

Post signs in the bathroom facility reminding users to wash hands after using the bathroom.

**HANDWASHING/SANITIZING STATIONS** – handwashing stations/hand sanitizing stations should be available at all events, activities, and at all businesses. Participants, customers, and workers should be encouraged to utilize the stations frequently.

**SIGNAGE AND EDUCATION** – consider posting signs reminding participants, customers, and workers to maintain a minimum social distance of 6 feet of distance and to wash hands or sanitize hands frequently.

**FOOD AND DRINK**

- State-licensed food vendors must complete an operating plan prior to serving food at any event, activity, or business. This is a requirement.
- County-permitted food vendors must complete an operating plan prior to serving food at any event, activity, or business. This is a requirement.
- All food served to the public requires a license or permit, unless specifically approved as exempt by Sanders County Environmental Health.