

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NORTHEAST TRI COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF COVID-19	)	RESOLUTION 05-2020
“STAY HOME, STAY HEALTHY”	)	SUPPORTING COUNTY VARIANCE
VARIANCE REQUEST	)	REQUEST FOR FERRY, PEND OREILLE,
	)	AND STEVENS COUNTIES

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of Washington State issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a state of emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020 the Governor of Washington State issued Proclamation 20-25 which extended the state of emergency and established the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order, effective until April 6, 2020, that prohibited all people from leaving their homes or participating in social, spiritual and recreational gatherings of any kind regardless of the number of participants, and all non-essential businesses in Washington State from conducting business, within the limitations provided within the order; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2020 the Governor of Washington State announced a month-long extension of the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order through May 4, 2020; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, on May 1, 2020 the Governor of Washington State announced the extension of the stay home order until May 31, 2020 and provided a plan that will be implemented in a four-phase approach to reopen businesses and modifying physical distancing measures when disease activity is adequately suppressed and readiness in key areas is achieved; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with the Governor of Washington State, the Washington State Department of Health recognizes that there are counties with a population of less than 75,000 that have not identified a resident with COVID-19 for the past three weeks that may seek a variance to move into “Phase 2” of the reopening plan; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, as of the date of this Resolution, Ferry County and Pend Oreille County met the preliminary criteria for this variance. The last confirmed case of COVID-19 occurred March 17, 2020 in Ferry County and April 13, 2020 in Pend Oreille County. For Stevens County, the last positive case was April 20, 2020. If there were no other cases, Stevens County will be eligible to move to “Phase 2” after May 11, 2020; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the Health Officer of Northeast Tri County Health District has reviewed and finds adequate readiness for a modified approach to the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order when there are low rates of COVID-19 disease transmission (as demonstrated when there have been no identified residents within a respective county test positive for COVID-19 for three weeks) and in readiness demonstrated within the healthcare system, testing capacity and availability, case and contact investigations, and ability to protect high-risk populations.


**NOW, THEREFORE: IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that Northeast Tri County Health District Board of Health supports the health officer's determination of readiness and for each respective county to move into "Phase 2" when the aforementioned criteria have been met. By this decision, the Board of Health votes affirmatively to implement all of the "Phase 2" elements.

Done this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020 and effective immediately upon signatures as of this date. (Meeting was held by remote participation)

  
Board Member, Ferry County

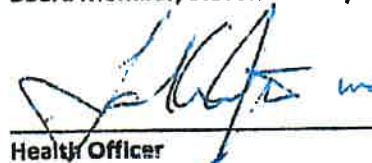
  
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