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CITY HALL BEGINS REOPENING MAY 18

Cautionary measures paramount

Missoula continues to enjoy the benefits of our community taking the coronavirus pandemic seriously inasmuch as we have no new cases to report, and our slow reopening at the City of Missoula is proceeding with relatively few bumps in the road.

In light of Governor Bullock's directives last week, along with new orders on Friday from Ellen Leahy, our health officer, we will be reopening City Hall on Monday, May 18, on a limited basis with safety protocols in place.

A few things to note:

- Public services will still be primarily delivered using alternate means. Please visit [the City's website](#) to see current information on accessing City services. In-person appointments with members of the public can be made when there is no reasonable alternative. City employees will continue to use e-mail, the telephone and video-conference platforms for meetings with the public and among themselves to the degree possible.
- The only unlocked entrance to City Hall will be on Ryman Street, where we will have a greeter stationed to assist members of the public, who will be asked to wear facial coverings. The City will provide a facial covering upon entering the building, but please bring your own if possible, as supplies are limited.

- Employees working in City Hall will be required to wear facial coverings in common areas or in areas where they cannot maintain six feet of distance from colleagues or the public.
- We have added additional cleaning to public and common areas.
- Other City buildings will remain closed for now.
- Employees working in the field will continue to do so based on our safety guidelines.
- City Council and other boards and commissions will continue to meet virtually until further notice. Unless there is critical business for advisory boards or commissions to do, they should not meet.
- If they do meet, they should do so virtually. City Council intends to hold committee meetings on Wednesdays on the Zoom platform. Our guide on how to participate remotely is on our [website](#).

We will keep you informed as we make changes.

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