

May 29, 2020

Dawson County Resident,

As we move into getting back to a more normal existence under the COVID virus pandemic umbrella, the Dawson County Board of Commission would like to thank every resident of Dawson County for their diligence and patience as we have moved together through this process. Now that the Governor has announced the State of Montana will move into Phase II reopening starting June 1st, we would like to provide guidance about how Dawson County will operate under this next stage. Dawson County will enact the following steps in operations while continuing to protect not only our most vulnerable but all residents starting June 1st and continuing until Phase III is announced.

- All County boards and meetings can once again be held in person but only in venues that allow for social distancing practices, all board meetings still need to be posted and open to the public as normal.
- The Board of County Commission Sessions will return to the normal schedule and operation while practicing social distancing. The Tuesday June 2nd Board Session has been moved to Thursday June 4th due to the Primary Election.
- All community and conference rooms normally available to the public will once again be open for reservations but capacity will be limited for social distancing practices.
- All County offices will be open to the public but the public is highly encouraged to conduct business over the phone, mail and/or electronically if possible.
 - The Dawson County Fairgrounds and facilities will remain closed for public and private events until Phase III.
 - The Senior Citizen Center will be beginning a phased reopening and will be publishing their plan as it changes. The Meals on Wheels program will continue as normal and congregate lunches will continue to be served as a pick-up, to-go service, please make reservations as normal.
 - The Library will open starting June 3rd and will have different operating practices than normal so please follow the posted procedures when entering the library.
 - The Dawson County Health Department will remain open but reservations and the nature of the visit will be required prior to visiting the courthouse. Please call ahead before visiting the Health Department.
- The Dawson County Correctional Facility will remain closed to all visitors and the public.
- The Dawson County Urban Transportation Buses will return to normal operations but riders are encouraged to wear masks while on the bus.

We are committed to continuing to protect and serve the residents of Dawson County. Please do your part in protecting yourself and others by adhering to social distancing and hygiene procedures. This has been an interesting journey we all have been on, but will successfully get through this trying time together.

Sincerely,
Dawson County Board of Commissioners

Dennis Zander, Joe Sharbono and Gary Kartevold