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RAVALLI COUNTY COVID-19 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM UPDATE

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As of noon today, March 31, 2020, there is still only one case of COVID-19 in Ravalli County.

Yesterday, Monday, March 30, Governor Steve Bullock issued an executive order mandating "Any person coming to Montana from another state or country for non-work-related purpose must immediately self-quarantine for 14 days."

If you decide to go to Salmon, Idaho, for an "outing", which, by the way probably doesn't even come close to essential travel!, when you get back to Ravalli County, you self-quarantine for 14 days.

In addition to self-quarantining for 14 days, the Ravalli County Health Department as part of the County's COVID-19 Incident Management Team request that all people that come into Ravalli County from out of state or out of country, contact County's emergency operation center at 406-375-6650, 8am to 6pm.

Incident Commander Calderwood emphasizes, "Non-essential travel and social distancing go hand in hand. We realize that people may need to go out of the valley for essential reasons.

Plan your trip, get what you need, social distance, wipe surfaces, come home, and stay home. Missoula County health officials announced they have the first evidence of community spread – cases not known to be linked to travel as well as a healthcare worker that received a positive diagnosis.

COVID-19 will come to Ravalli County, we just need to keep trying to do everything we can to slow the spread."

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