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DATE: May 29, 2020
TO: Governor Kate Brown
SUBJ: Harney County Readiness to Enter Phase II of Reopening

With this letter, Harney County **requests to move into Phase II of the state reopening process, effective JUNE 6, 2020.** Harney County meets all the timelines and public health prerequisites, criteria, and metrics as follows:

- ✓ A county may only enter Phase II after 21 days in Phase I.
Harney County entered Phase I on May 15, 2020 and seeks a Phase II entry date of June 6, 2020.
- ✓ Sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for county first responders.
Harney County attests that our county has sufficient PPE for county first responders.
- ✓ Sufficient number of contact tracers currently available to the county.
Harney County has four (4) contact tracers trained and currently available within the county. This exceeds state requirements. Harney County can also access additional regional and state contact tracing resources if needed.
- ✓ No substantive changes to Phase I application responses.
Harney County attests that there are no substantive changes to the responses submitted in our Phase I application regarding meeting Phase I requirements. On a positive note, our PPE, testing, and contact tracing capacity continues to increase at the same time that our number of COVID-19 positive tests remains stable and low.

Harney County attests that we continue to satisfy the original prerequisites:

Original Prerequisites:

1. **MET** - Over the previous 14-day period, the percentage of emergency department visits for COVID-19-like illnesses (CLI) for the state as a whole must be less than the historic average for flu at the same time of year.
2. **MET/NOT APPLICABLE** - Over the previous 14-day period, a county must show stable or declining hospital admissions for COVID-19. (*This metric only applies to counties with more than 5 hospitalized cases in the last 28 days.)
3. **MET** - A county must have an adequate Contact Tracing System, as previously defined.
**Harney County has four (4) locally available and trained contact tracers, which is three times the state requirement for our population. Additional regional and state resources are available.*

4. **MET** - In addition, a county must continue to maintain adequate isolation/quarantine facilities, a Minimum Testing Regimen, as previously defined, sufficient health care capacity to accommodate a 20% increase in suspected or confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations, and sufficient PPE supply as reported to OHA's Hospital Capacity system.

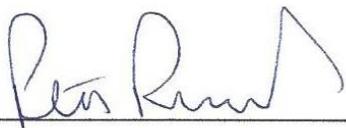
Harney County also attests that we meet the following additional criteria to enter Phase II:

Additional criteria required to enter Phase II:

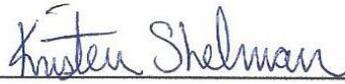
5. **MET** - Timely Follow-Up: A minimum of 95% of all new cases must be contact traced within 24 hours as reported in the state's ORPHEUS system over the previous 7 day and 14 day time periods.
6. **MET** - Successful tracing: A minimum of 70% of new COVID-19 positive cases must be traced to an existing positive case over the previous 7 day and 14 day time periods.
7. **MET** - No increase in incident cases or positivity: *
 - a) There cannot be a five percent or greater increase in new cases in the county over the past 7 days; or
 - b) There cannot be a significant increase in the percentage of positive cases out of total tests taken in your county over the past 7 days.

Harney County is ready to enter Phase II on June 6, 2020 and requests review and confirmation from the state. Please contact Commissioner Patty Dorroh for any questions or clarifications, 541-589-1898 or patty.dorroh@co.harney.or.us.

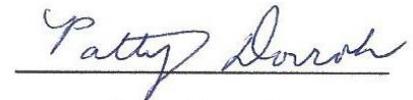
Sincerely yours,



Pete Runnels
Harney County Judge



Kristen Shelman
Harney County Commissioner



Patty Dorroh
Harney County Commissioner