

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PEND OREILLE COUNTY
NEWPORT, WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 39

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO MOVE TO PHASE III OF GOVERNOR INSLEE'S
SAFE START PLAN**

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, Governor Inslee indicated he would extend the Stay Home—Stay Healthy order through May 31, 2020, and was allowing smaller counties that did not have a new case of COVID19 reported in the last three weeks to apply for a variance that would allow them to move from Phase 1 of the Phased Approach to Reopening Washington Plan to Phase 2, and

WHEREAS, Pend Oreille County (POC) has been identified as one of the counties eligible to apply for the variance, and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, Pend Oreille County received approval from the Washington State Secretary of Health to advance to Phase 2, and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, Governor Inslee announced the expansion of the Safe Start—Washington's Phased Reopening Plan as the Stay Home—Stay Healthy order ended at midnight on Sunday, May 31, 2020. The expansion moves Washington through the phased reopening on a county-by-county basis and allows counties in Phase 2 to move to Phase 3, with a minimum of three weeks in Phase 2 when key metrics can be demonstrated, and

WHEREAS, Northeast Tri-County Health District (NETCHD) Officer, Dr. Sam Artzis, submitted a letter of recommendation to the NETCHD recommending they request approval for Pend Oreille County to move to phase III modifications contained in the phase chart, and

WHEREAS, NETCHD voted to move forward to implement Phase III elements finding that adequate readiness for advancement into Phase 3 due to low rates of COVID-19 disease transmission, and readiness demonstrated within the healthcare system, testing capacity and availability, case and contact investigations, ability to protect high-risk populations, and respond to outbreaks, and

WHEREAS, NETCHD executed a resolution requesting approval to move to Phase III of the Governor's Safe Start Plan, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Pend Oreille County, Washington, hereby applies for Phase III of the COVID-19 Variance Plan effective June 3, 2020, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Pend Oreille County, Washington, approves the NETCHD COVID-19 Variance Plan request for Phase III for Pend Oreille County and authorizes NETCHD representatives to submit the required application materials to the Secretary of Health.

Passed by the Board of Pend Oreille County Commissioners meeting in regular session at Newport, Washington, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage the 2 day of June 2020.

3 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; and 0 ABSENT

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Mike Manus, Chairman



Stephen Kiss, Vice-Chairman



Karen Skoog, Member

ATTEST:



Christine Rahoun, Clerk of the Board