

**RESOLUTION 20-5**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A VARIANCE TO PHASE 2 OF THE GOVERNOR'S COVID-19 RECOVERY PLAN.**

**Section 1. RECITALS**

The Board of Health finds that:

1. WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) confirmed the first case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Grant County, Washington, and the Grant County Health District and the Washington State Department of Health have since worked to identify, contact, monitor and test others in Grant County potentially exposed to COVID-19 in coordination with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and
2. WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and
3. WHEREAS, the CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "very high," and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States and Grant County; and
4. WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning January 27, 2020; and
5. WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning February 29, 2020; and
6. WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the Grant County Health District activated its District Operations Center to manage their response to the COVID-19 cases; and
7. WHEREAS, on March 12th, 2020, the Grant County Health Officer proclaimed a countywide public health emergency (Per RCW 70.05.070) for COVID-19; and
8. WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Grant County Board of Commissioners declared a State of Emergency in Grant County, beginning March 13, 2020; and
9. WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Board Chair Massa, Health Officer Brzezny, and Administrator Adkinson issued a Declaration of Emergency, declaring COVID-19 pandemic to be an emergency in Grant County pursuant to Section 38.52.010 RCW, Chapter 70.05 RCW, and other relevant provisions of state, local, and federal law.



10. WHEREAS, on May 21, 2020 Grant County Health District was notified of their opportunity to apply for a variance to Phase 2 of the Washington State Governor’s COVID-19 Recovery plan due to the downward trend in COVID-19 cases in Grant County.
  
11. WHEREAS, on May 22, 2020, Health Officer Alexander Brzezny presented to the Grant County Board of Health and the Grant County Commissioners his recommendations to apply for the Phase 2 variance based on his evaluation of the current COVID-19 data, increased testing capacity, and robust disease investigation and contact tracing abilities within Grant County Health District and its partners.
  
12. WHEREAS, on May 22, 2020 Grant County Health District has demonstrated in the variance application the required expectations of the Washington State Department of Health.
  
13. WHEREAS, on May 22, 2020 all Grant County Hospitals submitted letters to Grant County Health District indicating their 20% surge capacity and 14-day surplus supply of PPE as required for the variance application.

**Section 2. RESOLVED**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Health of the Grant County Health District, Grant County, Washington, that:

The Grant County Board of Health accepts Grant County Health Officer’s letter regarding the phased approach to COVID-19 recovery.

Be it resolved by the Board of Health of the Grant County Health District here by directs the Grant County Health District to apply for a Phase 2 variance in the Governor’s COVID-19 Recovery Plan.

**Section 3. BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERSHIP VOTE**

Board Members Present:

Board Members Who Were Absent:

Board Members Who Made the Motion and Seconded:

Board Members Who Pass this Resolution by a vote of Yay:

Board Members Who No Not Pass this Resolution by a vote of Nay:



**Section 4. BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERSHIP VOTE**

This resolution shall take effect on May 22, 2020

PASSED BY THE GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND SIGNED BY ITS CHAIR ON May 22, 2020

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Tony Massa, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

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Theresa Adkinson, Administrator