

**GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-001**

A RESOLUTION OF THE GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
ADOPTING THE GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER'S  
RECOMMENDATION TO APPLY FOR THE COVID-19 PHASE II VARIANCE

**WHEREAS**, Washington Governor Jay Inslee and the Washington State Department of Health recognize that there are currently a number of small counties with a population of fewer than 75,000 that have not had new cases of COVID-19 reported in the past three weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, the State has proposed a Phased Approach to Reopening Washington Plan to be put in effect as of May 11, 2020, consisting for four (4) phases; and

**WHEREAS**, counties meeting the proper criteria have the opportunity to apply for a variance to move from Phase I to Phase II of the Phased Approach to Reopening Washington Plan before the rest of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Grays Harbor County has been identified as one of the counties eligible to apply for the Phase II variance; and

**WHEREAS**, the requirements for applying for the variance include (1) letters submitted by area hospitals certifying they have adequate bed capacity to serve their community and adequate PPE supplies to keep their workers safe; (2) submission of a plan (a) identifying available and accessible COVID-19 testing within the county; (b) the number of COVID-19 tests performed by week over the past three weeks; (c) a plan from the Grays Harbor County Public Health Department stating resources available to perform case investigation and contact tracing; (d) plans and resources to house people in isolation and quarantine; (e) plans and resources to provide case management services to residents in quarantine and isolation; and (f) plans to rapidly respond to outbreaks in congregate settings; and (3) submission of a signed recommendation from the local public health officer to the local board of health; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grays Harbor County Board of Health has been advised that all requirements to submit an application for a variance have been met; and

**WHEREAS**, Grays Harbor County Health Officer Dr. John Bausher has submitted a letter of recommendation to the Grays Harbor County Board of Health recommending they request a variance to include all of the Phase II modifications contained in the phase chart, which is attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Health of Grays Harbor County that the recommendation of the County Health Officer to apply for a variance of the COVID-19 Phased Approach to Reopening Washington Plan is approved.

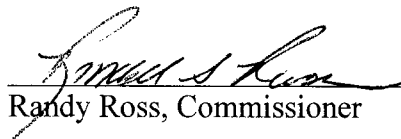
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Health of Grays Harbor County recommends that the Grays Harbor County Board of Commissioners apply for the COVID-19 Phase II variance.

ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

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GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY**

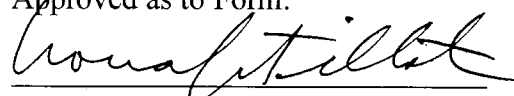
  
Vickie L. Raines, Chair

  
Wes Cormier, Commissioner

  
Randy Ross, Commissioner

Attest:

  
Clerk of the Board

Approved as to Form:  
  
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney