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Governor Bullock Announces Additional Phase One Guidelines to Include Gyms, Music Theaters, and Museums

MONTANA - Governor Steve Bullock today announced additional Phase One guidelines that will allow gyms and fitness studios, music theaters and museums the option to reopen beginning Friday, May 15 as long as they adhere to strict guidelines limiting capacity, requiring social distancing, and improving through sanitation requirements.

"In consultation with public health experts, we have determined that these businesses can carefully reopen under strict capacity, social distancing, and sanitation guidelines,"

Governor Bullock said. "As Montana continues to aggressively manage the virus and we move forward with the plan to reopen, I am again reminding Montanans that social distancing is vital to continue curbing the virus. All of us must do our part to stay open and stay on a path of decline in positive cases."

"So far, Montana businesses and customers are working together to practice the social distancing and hygiene measures necessary to restart our economy, restore our collective sense of well-being and keep each other safe. I am confident we will all do our part during this important next step," said John Polson, President and CEO of RiverStone Health.

"Health and wellness has always been our goal, and the advent of the coronavirus has only deepened that focus. Our commitment is to our members, and our communities, keeping them safe. The protocols established by the state and the fitness industry will be instrumental in this endeavor. We want to bring back the physical and mental well-being of Montanans, get past this pandemic and return to what we do best - helping you stay fit and healthy," said Doug Mahan, Museum Athletic Club.

The reopening date is set at May 15 at the request of the businesses and local public health to allow time to prepare and ensure guidance is being followed.