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Schools and All Other Places Where People Gather Closed

## INFLUENZA IS DECLARED COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

### One Hundred and Fifty Additional Cases in City and County

All public schools in Billings, including the Billings Business college, and all churches, theaters, moving picture shows, boulevards, the public library, saloons, beauty parlors, dance halls, clubs, and all other public places of gathering were ordered closed at a meeting of the city board of health yesterday afternoon. The order followed receipt from the state board of health of a communication declaring Spanish influenza a communicable disease, and recommending extreme caution in communities where the deadly infection is being epidemic propagation. The order became effective Wednesday morning, October 23.

Closing of schools was ordered and because of the small number of cases reported here, Mayor W. H. Johnson considered the closure of schools here because indicated by the state board of health, and it later closed for so long as necessary for the communicable disease to be eradicated.

There has been reported more than 150 additional cases since the order was issued, and the state board of health has estimated that the actual number of cases is probably more than 200. It is believed that the city board of health will be closed as soon as the epidemic has subsided.

The health officer, Dr. J. H. Johnson, said all public places, including saloons, and all other public places where people gather, should be closed for a period of at least two weeks. The order also prohibits the holding of public meetings, and all other public gatherings, and all other public places where people gather.

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