

Incident Name:
COVID19 Broadwater County/City of Townsend MT

Broadwater County Disaster & Emergency Services, Townsend, Montana

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Situation Report # 3
Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Time issued: 6:36

Governor Steve Bullock today issued a directive to extend closures of public schools and dine-in food service and alcoholic beverage businesses through April 10 and mandate social distancing measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Montana. (See attachment # 2)

CALL YOUR DOCTOR. If you think you have been exposed to the COVID19 virus and develop a fever (100.4 F+) and symptoms, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical advice. (See phone contact information below.)

COVID-19 Cases Reported				
As of 3/24/2020 4:30 pm	Cases	Deaths	Recovered	Active
MONTANA TOTAL	51	0	0	51
Gallatin County	19	0	0	19
Yellowstone County	8	0	0	8
Missoula County	6	0	0	6
Flathead County	4	0	0	4
Cascade County	3	0	0	3
Lewis & Clark County	3	0	0	3
Silver Bow-Butte	3	0	0	2
Madison County	1	0	0	1
Ravalli County	1	0	0	1
Broadwater County	1	0	0	1
Roosevelt County	1	0	0	1
Jefferson County	1	0	0	1

FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAM FOR ALL KIDS

- Townsend Schools K-12 are providing free grab and go breakfast and lunch bags (Monday thru Friday) for all children ages zero to eighteen (not just students).
- In Townsend kids can obtain grab and go breakfasts and lunches at the playground backdoor of the School lunchroom on North Pine St. from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday.
- Students can also pick up school Chromebooks and permission slips at the lunchroom.
- For out-of-town children and youth, the grab and go meals will be delivered Monday thru Friday to the following locations:
 - Winston Fire Station from 8:30-10:00 am
 - Lower Duck Creek Fire Station from 8:30-10:00 am
 - Toston Fire Station from 8:30-9:30 am
 - Toston Post Office from 9:30-10:00 am
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HOME STUDY FOR TOWNSEND SCHOOL STUDENTS K-12

- Students are expected to log in to Google classroom or Class Dojo every day.
- Students can pick up school Chromebooks and permission slips each morning at all lunch distribution sites.
- Townsend Schools will be providing periodic updates through the Infinite Campus messenger, and the school's Facebook page.
- School closure has been extended through April 10, 2020, by the Governor.
- All school buildings are closed, including weight room, library and Old Baldy activities.

BROADWATER FOOD PANTRY IN TOWNSEND

- **The Broadwater Food Pantry needs both food and money donations.**
- As more folks are laid-off, there is a growing demand for groceries.
- Please send donation checks payable to:
Broadwater Food Pantry
P.O. Box 1164
Townsend, MT 59644
- The Pantry is now a drive-up service only, at 315 Broadway.
- Food donation hours are every Friday 3:00 to 5:00 pm at 315 Broadway
- Food distribution hours are every Saturday 9:00 to 10:45 am.
- For food emergencies, call Karoline Nelson 406-438-3981

TOWNSEND SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

- Monday thru Friday, except holidays, for senior citizens age-60 plus, the Center has both meals-to-go for pick up and normal home deliveries of Meals-on-Wheels, in the Townsend area for the homebound. Normal meal prices apply.
- Please order meals (for pick up or delivery) the **day before**, by calling: 406-266-3995.

INCOME TAX DEADLINES EXTENDED

- ***Federal Income Tax*** and ***Montana Individual Income Tax*** filing deadline is now July 15, 2020
- If you are owed a refund, then file immediately to receive your refund.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION LOANS

- The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to all Montana small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Apply online at: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

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MONTANA LEGAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION (MLSA)

- MLSA has a pro bono (legal work for a client with a low income without charge) disaster legal services program.
- Contact Megan Helton, Disaster Program Manager 406-442-9817 mhelton@mtlsa.org
- As part of their response to COVID-19, MLSA is hosting a series of “Know Your Rights” webinars. These webinars will be recorded and can be viewed by both clients and agencies. The first webinar will on **Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 1pm** and will discuss SNAP Benefits and COVID-19. To register for the webinar, follow this link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/490673962194565644>

COVID19 TESTING

- If you are a member of the public and are concerned about getting tested for COVID19, please contact your primary care provider.
- Call ahead to a healthcare provider if you develop a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as cough or difficulty breathing, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently traveled to an area with ongoing spread.
- Tell your healthcare provider about your recent travel or contact. Your healthcare provider will work with Montana’s public health department and CDC to determine if you need to be tested for COVID19. Find out more at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/steps-when-sick.html>

Incident Contact Info

State COVID-19 information hotline: 1-888-333-0461

Broadwater County Public Health: 406-266-5209

Billings Clinic/Broadwater in Townsend: 406-266-3186

Family Medical Clinic in Townsend: 406-266-5204

St. Peter’s Health in Helena: 406-457-4180

Montana COVID-19 situation website: [COVID19.mt.gov](https://www.covid19.mt.gov)

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