

Incident Name:
COVID19 Broadwater County, MT

Submitted by Mike Koehnke, DES Coordinator
Broadwater County Disaster & Emergency Services, Townsend, Montana

Wash Your Hands! Stay Calm! Keep Your Distance! Show Compassion!

Situation Report # 2
Monday, March 23, 2020

Time issued: 4:15

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COVID19 Cases for Select Areas				
As of 3/23/2020 of 3:45 PM	Cases	Deaths	Recovered	Active
MONTANA TOTAL	34	0	0	34
Broadwater County	1	0	0	1
Gallatin County	10	0	0	10
Lewis & Clark County	3	0	0	3

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES

- Detect and track the COVID19 virus within the local community.
- Stop the spread of the COVID19 virus among the local population.
- Protect local First Responders and Healthcare Providers.
- Disseminate accurate and timely information to the public.
- Plan for post-disaster economic recovery.

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 professional 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 professional about your recent travel or contact. Your healthcare professional will work with your state'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>

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF COVID19

- Shortness of breath
- Fever (100.4 F +)
- Fatigue
- Dry cough

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INCIDENT UPDATES

Townsend Schools K-12

- Beginning Tuesday, March 24, breakfast and lunch will be offered for all children ages zero to eighteen. These
- Student grab and go meals can be picked up by in-town students from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the playground back door of the Multi-Purpose lunchroom.
- Students may also pick up Chromebooks and permission slips at these locations.
- For out of town students, the school will deliver meals to the Lower Duck Creek Fire Station from 8:30-10:00AM, the Toston Fire Station from 8:30-9:30AM, the Toston Post Office from 9:30-10:00AM, and the Winston Fire Station from 8:30-10:00AM. These meals will be available Monday through Friday.
- Students can obtain grab and go breakfasts and lunches at the playground backdoor of the Multi-Purpose lunchroom from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Students will be charged their normal meal rate.
- Beginning today, students are expected to log in to Google classroom or Class Dojo every day. Lessons and assignments will be posted on that platform. The K-1 may continue to use other platforms for a while longer.
- School is closed for a minimum of two weeks from March 16 through March 26, including the campus, playgrounds, weight room, Community Library. Also closed are all activities of Old Baldy.
- Students have begun online classes.
- Townsend Schools will be providing periodic updates through the Infinite Campus messenger. Also watch the official Townsend Schools Facebook.

Head Start in Townsend

- The Head Start sessions are suspended, but it is still providing take home lunches for the children enrolled in the program. Meals are being prepared by the staff at the Townsend Senior Center.

Broadwater Food Pantry in Townsend

- The Pantry is now a drive-up service only, at 315 Broadway.
- Normal distribution hours are every Saturday 9:00 am to 10:45 am.
- For food emergencies, call Karoline Nelson 406-438-3981
- The Pantry is in need of both food and money donations.
- Food donation hours are every Friday 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at 315 Broadway
- Send checks to P.O. Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644

Townsend Senior Citizen Center

- Monday thru Friday, except holidays, for senior citizen's age-60 plus, the Center has both pickup meals-to-go and normal home deliveries of Meals-on-Wheels, in 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.

Federal Tax filing deadline is extended to July 15, 2020

- If you are owed a refund, then file immediately to receive your refund.

MT State Individual Income Tax filing deadline extended to July 15, 2020

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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

U.S. Small Business Administration

- SBA has Disaster Loans available to businesses affected by the economic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. Apply online at: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>
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LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

- Broadwater County Emergency Declaration issued March 17, 2020
- City of Townsend Emergency Declaration issued March 18, 2020
- City of Three Forks Emergency Declaration issued March 18, 2020

Incident Contact Info

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

Broadwater County Public Health: 406-266-5209

Billings Clinic Broadwater Townsend: 406-266-3186

Family Medical Clinic: 406-266-5204

St. Peter's Health Helena: 406-457-4180

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

Broadwater County Disaster & Emergency Services: 406-266-9250

Broadwater Co DES Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/BroadwaterCntyDES/posts/>

Broadwater County website: <http://www.townsendmt.com/broadwater-county/>