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

*As a resilient community and Great Republic, we Americans will get through this virus pandemic together.  
Reach out and touch someone with your voice – phone someone, not just send a text message.  
Call someone – a grandparent or grandchild – a neighbor – friend.  
See how they are coping. Do they need anything?  
Share your supplies and your concern.  
Be Great Americans!  
Be strong!*

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### **Montana Has 4 Reported COVID19 Deaths**

Toole County Health officials report two county residents have died. In addition, Madison County officials report a death of a Madison County resident from the virus. Today Montana has 171 reported cases. The hotspots county is Gallatin (67) and Yellowstone (26) with 54 % of the state total. Missoula County now has 12 confirmed case and Lewis and Clark County with a 11 case.

### **Patient Recovery Stats Unknown**

At this time, the state of Montana has not provided any public information on how many Montanan’s have recovered from the coronavirus or COVID19 illness.

### **Beware of COVID19 Scammers**

WATCHOUT FOR SCAMS. Learn about recent scams and how to recognize the warning signs. Read the Federal Trade Commission’s (FTC) most recent alerts or browse scams by topic with this

link: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts>

### **Stay Home – Stay Healthy**

A statewide Stay at Home Order went into effect on Saturday. Individuals may venture out into society to perform essential tasks relating to their health and safety, seek necessary food, medicine, supplies and other essential services; to take care of others; to perform essential types of work; and for outdoor exercise, such as, walking, hiking, running, or biking – all in compliance with social distancing standards.

COVID19 Cases in Montana		
As of 3/30/20 at 4:45 pm	Cases	Deaths
<b>United States</b>	<b>160,020</b>	<b>2,953</b>
<b>Montana</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>4</b>
Gallatin County	69	0
Yellowstone County	28	0
Missoula County	12	0
Lewis & Clark County	11	0
Silver Bow County	9	0
Flathead County	9	0
Cascade County	7	0
Toole County	6	2
Madison County	4	1
Lincoln County	4	1
<b>Broadwater County</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
Lake County	3	0
Park County	3	0
Deer Lodge County	3	0
Jefferson County	2	0
Ravalli County	1	0
Roosevelt County	1	0
Hill County	1	0
Meagher County	1	0

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### **City of Townsend – Services Update**

City residents are asked to use the payment drop slots for paying monthly bills with checks, if you pay using cash please use the old drive-up window on the west side of the City Hall building, credit cards may be used on-line at [www.townsendmontana.net](http://www.townsendmontana.net) (there is a 3% fee if using a card). City public works crew is staggering shifts to ensure essential services – drinking water, sewer service, trash collection – continue throughout the COVID19 pandemic. City office crew are continuing to work and are available by telephone contact 266-3911. City utility bills will continue to go out, please continue to pay for your monthly services, however, if you have difficulty due to a layoff or financial difficulties, please contact the City Office for arrangements. Mayor Evans stated that no services will be cutoff for nonpayment during the COVID19 emergency.

- If you have any questions or concerns, call City Hall (266-3911) during regular business hours Monday thru Friday.

### **Broadwater County – Services Update**

The Broadwater County Courthouse and all County offices and services are in operation at this time. The outside doors of the Courthouse are locked to protect the facility from a virus contamination. Citizens who have essential County business that needs to be done, are asked to call ahead to make an appointment with the appropriate County office. Phone numbers are listed below and are also on the Government page of the Community Website: [www.townsendmt.com](http://www.townsendmt.com). (This public access policy is similar to the procedure used by the Federal agencies at the Townsend USDA Service Center.)

- The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. This meeting will be live-streamed. The public will be able to participate on-line.
- Help stop the spread. Stay healthy and safety. Safe home except to access essential supplies and services for yourself or a person homebound.
- If you have any questions or concerns, call a Commissioner: Laura Obert at 980-2050; Darrel Folkvord at 980-1213; Mike Delger at 521-0834; E-mail [commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto:commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us)
  - County Attorney: 266-9226- [cswanson@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto:cswanson@co.broadwater.mt.us)
  - District Court, Clerk of: 266-9236- [vhornsveld@mt.gov](mailto:vhornsveld@mt.gov)
  - Disaster & Emergency Services: 266-9250- [michaelkoehnke@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelkoehnke@yahoo.com)
  - Justice of the Peace: [kflynn3@mt.gov](mailto:kflynn3@mt.gov)
  - Planning/Rural Addressing- 266-921: [planning@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto:planning@co.broadwater.mt.us)
  - Public Health: 266-5209 [tmonson@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto:tmonson@co.broadwater.mt.us)
  - Public Works: 266-9270 [commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto:commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us)
  - Sanitarian: 266-9209- [sanitarian@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto:sanitarian@co.broadwater.mt.us)
  - Sheriffs Dept: 266-3441-
  - Treasurer/Clerk and Recorder- 266-3445/266-3443- [treas@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto:treas@co.broadwater.mt.us)  
[dellis@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto:dellis@co.broadwater.mt.us)

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### **Senior Citizen Meals**

- Townsend Senior City Dinner Center has both meals-to-go for pick up and normal home deliveries of Meals-on-Wheels for people aged 50 years and older 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.

### **Townsend Schools – Class Schedule Update**

Monday, March 30, 2020, the School District transitioned to a virtual school day with the goal to provide quality instruction, as well as create a more structured format.

- The class schedule for **Grades 3-12** are posted on the Townsend School's website, Townsend Schools Facebook Page, and each teacher's Google Classroom Page.
  - Students will log in and attend virtual class.
  - Attendance will be taken and work will be required in much the same way as we would in a physical school.
- The schedule for **Grades K-2** are provided each teacher's Google Classroom and Class Dojo, as those in early elementary will operate under a slightly different schedule appropriate for the age level.
  - Kindergarten learning packets will be available Friday morning and can be picked up at any of the lunch pickup locations.
  - Attendance will be taken and work will be required in much the same way as we would in a physical school.
- If students or parents are experiencing difficulties with access, lessons, or devices, please contact your teacher through the digital platform or contact the school and we will do our best to assist you.

### **Free Breakfast & Lunch 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 at the lunchroom from 7:30 am to 9:30 am M-F.
- For out-of-town children/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 M-F
  - Duck Creek Fire Station from 8:30-10:00 am M-F
  - Toston Fire Station from 8:30-9:30 am M-F
  - Toston Post Office from 9:30-10:00 am M-F
- Rural students can also pick up school Chromebooks and permission slips at the rural lunch drop locations.
  - Any hard copy materials may also be delivered and returned through these locations.

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### **Area Food – Takeout and Delivery Services**

Certain Townsend are restaurants, bars and bakeries that prepare food for takeout or delivery services are open for business. Always **call ahead** to place orders and check on their hours of operations and menu items. These businesses are to be approved by the county sanitarian for the food and beverage services they offer and licensed as required by state law.

### **Support Local Businesses**

Don't travel to Bozeman or Helena to buy your essential supplies. Most businesses in Broadwater County are open with social distancing standards in effect. **They need your business.** Grocery stores, pharmacies, supermarkets, convenience stores, gas stations, hardware, supply stores, and post offices are all open for your convenience. When you do venture out, keep your distance when you are in public. Stay healthy and safe.

### **For More Information on Stay at Home Order**

Use this link to learn more about the State At Home Order: [Stay at Home Order](#). Essential services are defined in the Order and are based on a federal's [guidance document](#). View the [order here](#) and the [federal guidance here](#). The State has established call center for businesses to determine what are considered essential services and businesses at 1-800-755-6672.

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**DES Coordinator:** Mike, Koehnke, 406-266-9250, [michaelkoehnke@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelkoehnke@yahoo.com)

**DES Public Information Officer:** Trudie Southwick, 406-406-439-9153 [trudie5096@gmail.com](mailto:trudie5096@gmail.com)

**DES Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCntyDES/>

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

### **COVID19 Resource Guide**

**Townsend COVID19 Hotline 406-603-4524**

**State COVID19 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**

**Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital: 406-414-5000**

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

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

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

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