

COVID19 Broadwater County/City of Townsend MT

Situation Report for April 18, 2020

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Wash Your Hands! Stay calm!
Keep Your Distance! Be not afraid!

Situation Report # Saturday, April 18, 2020

Time issued 10:30 AM

Montana Summary

As of April 18, 2020, at 10:30 AM, a total of 426 individuals have tested positive in Montana. Yesterday, an elderly woman with existing health conditions from Cascade County (Great Falls area) and man in his 50s in Yellowstone County (Billings area) became the ninth and tenth Montanans to death from COVID19.

- Four (4) new cases reported in Montana this morning:
 - + 3 Yellowstone County (70) totals
 - + 1 Missoula County (35)
- 426 tested-positive since the beginning
- 243 Montanans have recovered
- 183 active cases to date
- 17 currently hospitalized
- 54 total hospitalizations to date
- 10 fatalities to date in Montana as a result of COVID19

Important of Physical (Social) Distancing

There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease. **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**

- The virus is spread mainly from person-to-person.
- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- Studies have suggested that COVID19 is spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

COVID19 Case Update		
Today: 4/18/20 at 10:30 am	Positive	Deaths
United States Today	706,856	37,087
United States Yesterday	683,786	34,575
Increase	23,070	2,512
U.S. Total Recovered	60,523	
U.S. Recovered Yesterday	57,123	
Increase	3,400	
Montana Today	426	10
Montana Yesterday	422	8
Increase	4	2
MT Total Recovered	243	
MT Recovered Yesterday	218	
Increase	25	
Gallatin County	142	0
Yellowstone County	70	1
Flathead County	37	1
Missoula County	35	1
Toole County	29	4
Lewis & Clark County	16	0
Cascade County	13	1
Silver Bow County	11	0
Madison County	8	1
Lincoln County	7	1
Park County	7	0
Carbon County	6	0
Roosevelt County	6	0
Lake County	5	0
Ravalli County	5	0
Broadwater County	4	0
Glacier County	4	0
Deer Lodge County	3	0
Big Horn County	3	0
Richard County	3	0
Liberty County	3	0
Jefferson County	2	0
Hill County	1	0
Meagher County	1	0
Musselshell County	1	0
Beaverhead County	1	0
Stillwater County	1	0
Golden Valley County	1	0
Pondera County	1	0

To get the latest updates on the Coronavirus in Montana, use these links:

- Montana Coronavirus Task Force: <https://covid19.mt.gov/>
- Current Health Alert Update Link: [HAN](#)

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Most Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Remain Open, Some Restrictions Apply

As a reminder to stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing guidelines should be followed at all FWP sites. Keep your distance from fellow recreators.

- While fishing access sites, state parks and wildlife management areas remain open (check for seasonal closures and openings), fishing piers, playgrounds and group-use facilities are closed to the public. Maintenance at FWP facilities will be cut back and public opportunities limited:
- Overnight camping will not be allowed
- Group use sites will be closed, including playgrounds and fishing piers.
- Visitor center closures will be extended at least through April 24.
- Bathrooms may be limited.
- Sites will be regularly patrolled by enforcement staff.
- If a parking lot at a fishing access site or state park is full, consider another place to recreate.
- Also, it is a good idea to recreate in your local area.
- For more information on FWP's response to COVID-19, visit <http://fwp.mt.gov/covid19>

Contacting FWP with Licensing, Other Questions

For the foreseeable future, people interested in getting help with application and licensing questions should call the FWP Licensing Call Center at 406-444-2950 or email fwplic@mt.gov. The licensing call center will be answering calls from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. At times the call volume is high; please be patient as statewide staff work hard to answer questions in a timely manner.

BOR Restricts Camping and Group Use at Canyon Ferry

Because of the COVID19 situation, the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) is temporarily restricting public use of its facilities at Canyon Ferry Reservoir, Tiber Reservoir (Lake Elwell), Fresno and Nelson Reservoirs, and Clark Canyon Reservoir. Boat launching ramps and day use will remain open where possible; however, courtesy boat docks are not yet in place at this time.

- *Effective date of this restriction is Thursday, April 16th, 2020; no camping that evening.*
- Day use areas remain open from 5:00 am to 10:00 pm, including fishing and launching boats.
- No overnight camping.
- Group Use Sites are closed.
- Bathroom facilities at all locations are closed.
- The Marinas remain closed for the winter season until around mid-May. This opening date may be re-evaluated depending on the COVID9 situation.

BOR has asked that County Sheriff's officers enforce these closures as they continue monitoring and patrolling areas as usual. (See attachment #2 to this email for a copy of the BOR release.)

Forest Campgrounds, Rental Cabins, Day Use Sites Closed – However, Forest Lands Remain Open

For a complete list of campgrounds and site closures visit: www.fs.usda.gov/main/hlcnf and like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/HLCNF or contact the Townsend Ranger District (406) 266-3425.

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Clean and Disinfect Guidelines

Clean AND disinfect **frequently touched surfaces** daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks. **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

- **To disinfect:**

Most common EPA-registered household disinfectants will work. Use disinfectants appropriate for the surface.

- **Diluting your household bleach.**

To make a bleach solution, mix:

- 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water
or
- 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water

Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.

- **Alcohol solutions.**

Ensure solution has at least 70% alcohol.

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>

Montana Crisis and Emergency Resources

If you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency, call 911 immediately.

Telephone Resources

Suicide Prevention HELP CENTER 1-800-273-8255

Available: 24 hours per day, every day

Montana Nurse First Line..... 1-800-330-7847

Available: 24 hours per day, every day to Medicaid eligible persons

Disaster Distress Help Line..... 1-800-985-5990

Available: 24 hours per day, every day

National Domestic Violence Hotline..... 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

or 1-800-787-3224

Text Resources

For Suicidal Thoughts or Plans..... Text "MT" to 741741

Available: 24 hours per day, every day

Disaster Distress Help Line.....Text "TalkWithUs" to 66746

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

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

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

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