

Incident Name:

COVID19 Broadwater County/City of Townsend MT Situation Report

April 5, 2020 at 5:15 PM

Broadwater County Disaster and Emergency Services, Townsend, Montana

Montana COVID19 dashboard website [GIS map](#)

Townsend COVID19 Hotline 406-603-4524 (Daily 7 am to 7 pm)

Disaster Distress Helpline 1-800-985-5990 (24-hours every day)

Wash Your Hands! Stay Calm! Keep Your Distance!

Situation Report # 16 Sunday, April 5, 2020

Time issued: 5:15 PM

Montana Update

As of April 5, 2020, at 4:30 PM, 298 cases of the Novel Coronavirus have tested positive in Montana. Six fatalities have occurred as a result of COVID19. Testing numbers include only those tested at the Montana Public Health Laboratory (MTPHL) or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and includes out-of-state residents tested at MTPHL (who are physically present in the state). For the most up-to-date information from the Montana DPHHS, visit <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/coronavirusmt>.

Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID19

The CDC has issued information on the use of cloth face coverings to help slow the spread of COVID19, including frequently asked questions. Find the [web page here](#).

MT Dept of Livestock COVID19 Guidance to Ranchers and Livestock Markets

Agriculture, and the protection of our food supply, has been declared critical infrastructure by the Department of Homeland Security during the COVID19 response. MT Dept. of Livestock has issued two helpful guidance documents for the ranching community and livestock industry.

- COVID19 Guidance to Ranchers During Branding, Pregnancy Checking and Shearing Seasons
- COVID19 Guidance to Livestock Markets and Related Businesses

Both of these livestock COVID19 guidance documents are attached to this email.

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Billings Clinic Broadwater/Townsend has established a COVID19 Hotline – daily 7 am to 7 pm.

COVID19 Cases Update		
As of 4/5/20 at 5:15 pm	Cases	Deaths
United States Today	335,524	9,562
<i>United States Yesterday</i>	<u>305,820</u>	<u>8,291</u>
Increase in 24 hours	29,704	1,271
<i>Total Recovered</i>	17,266	
Montana Today	298	6
<i>Montana Yesterday</i>	<u>281</u>	<u>6</u>
Increase in 24 hours	17	0
<i>Total Recovered</i>	?	
Gallatin County	115	0
Yellowstone County	40	0
Flathead County	25	0
Missoula County	21	1
Toole County	16	3
Lewis & Clark County	14	0
Silver Bow County	11	0
Cascade County	11	0
Madison County	9	1
Lincoln County	7	1
Park County	6	0
Lake County	4	0
Broadwater County	4	0
Deer Lodge County	3	0
Jefferson County	2	0
Ravalli County	2	0
Roosevelt County	1	0
Hill County	1	0
Meagher County	1	0
Liberty County	1	0
Musselshell County	1	0
Carbon County	1	0
Glacier County	1	0
Beaverhead County	1	0

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Broadwater Co. Commissioners to Meet – Monday, April 6th

The Broadwater County Board of Commissioners has a Monday, April 6th meeting scheduled for 10 AM in the Courthouse basement meeting room in Townsend. Attendance to this meeting is limited because of the COVID pandemic CDC physical distancing guidelines – no more than 10 people, spaced six feet apart at a public gathering.

- This meeting will be live-streamed on www.youtube.com and, if technically possible, on the County DES Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCntyDES/>
- The Commission plans for public comments during the meeting via phone calls, text, and emails: Laura Obert (406) 980-1648; Darrel Folkvord (406) 949-1687; Mike Delger (406) 202-4286.

Posted Agenda for Monday, April 6th County Commission Meeting

- 10:00 AM *Public Comment on any subject not on the agenda, and that the Commission has jurisdiction over / Approval of the Minutes / Certificate of Survey Review
Q&A with Public Health, Environmental Health, DES experts regarding COVID-19 Pandemic County Operations – future meetings, payroll, claims, health insurance, locked courthouse*
- 10:15 AM *Public Hearing – Resolution to Declare a State of Emergency for Broadwater County due to the COVID-19 Pandemic
Decision – Declare a State of Emergency for Broadwater County due to the COVID-19 Pandemic*
- 10:15 AM *Public Hearing – Resolution Authorizing Wheatland Water and Sewer District’s Construction Project as a Tax Increment Financing District and Authorizing Procurement of Financing Design and Construction of a District-Owned and Operated Sewer System and the Costs of Issuing said Bond
Decision - Authorize Wheatland Water and Sewer District’s Construction Project as a Tax Increment Financing District and Authorize Procurement of Financing Design and Construction of a District-Owned and Operated Sewer System and the Costs of Issuing said Bond
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- 10:30 AM *Trust Board – approval of Wing’s All Terrain bid for Silos Recreation Area parking lot project, gazebo improvements, increase spending authority to \$90,000, closure of parking area for 2 weeks, boat launch debit/credit card equipment
Public Health - Homemaker, Respite & Skilled Nursing Program Grant & Task Order for COVID-19 funding
Airport fuel payment processing agreement update
Public Works Plan & Contract for Public Works Operations
Maintenance Truck transfer*
- 2:00 PM *Closed Door – County Attorney Cory Swanson v. J.Schmaus*

Townsend Schools – Spring Break

Spring break is approaching. Townsend Schools will observe the school break the way it was originally scheduled, plus Thursday. There will be no remote learning courses on Thursday, April 9th through Monday, April 13th. April 9th was originally scheduled as an early release, but no classes on that day. Remote learning will resume on Tuesday, April 14th.

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Townsend City Council to Meet – Tuesday, April 7th

The City of Townsend City Council has a Tuesday, April 7th meeting scheduled for 6:30 PM in the City Hall in Townsend. Attendance to this meeting is limited because of the COVID19 pandemic CDC physical distancing guidelines – no more than 10 people, spaced six feet apart at a public gathering.

- In order to follow physical distancing directives and allow for public participation, the meeting will be held via Zoom. Directions to join the meeting will be posted 1-hour before the meeting on the City of Townsend Facebook Page and the City of Townsend Web Page at www.townsendmontana.net and, if technically possible, on the County DES Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCntyDES/>
- The City added that this is the first time the city council as used Zoom, so please be patient.

Posted Agenda for Tuesday, April 7th Townsend City Council Meeting

6:30 PM *CALL TO ORDER*
 PLEDGE
 MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2020
 CLAIMS: Approval of March Claims
 PUBLIC COMMENT
 ADJOURN

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

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

COVID19 Resource Guide

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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