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**Wash Your Hands! Stay Calm!**  
**Keep Your Distance! Be Not Afraid!**

## Situation Report # 19

**Wednesday, April 8, 2020** Issued at 5:00 PM

### Montana Update

- As of April 8, 2020, at 4:45 PM, 331 cases of the Novel Coronavirus have tested positive in Montana, with 31 of those hospitalized.
- Six fatalities have occurred as a result of COVID19.
- A total of 135 Montanans has recovered.

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> through Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. April 9<sup>th</sup> was originally scheduled as an early release, but no classes on that day. Remote learning will resume on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

### School Free Meal Schedule

Townsend Schools will provide free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch bags tomorrow, April 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> of this week. *On Thursday, April 9th please pick up meals needed for Thursday, Friday and Monday.* There will be no meals on Friday, April 10 through Monday, April 13. Free meals will start up again on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Students are not charged for these sack breakfast and lunch meals.

- 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.
- For out-of-town children/youth, the grab and go meals at the following locations:
  - Winston Fire Station from 8:30-10:00 am
  - 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

COVID19 Cases Update		
Today: 4/8/20 at 5:00 pm	Cases	Deaths
<b>United States Today</b>	<b>424,945</b>	<b>14,529</b>
<b>U.S. 48-hours ago</b>	<b>386,817</b>	<b>12,285</b>
<b>Increase in 48 hours</b>	<b>38,128</b>	<b>2,244</b>
<i>U.S. Total Recovered</i>	23,292	
<i>U.S. Recovered 48-hours ago</i>	20,191	
<i>Increase in 48-hours</i>	3,101	
<b>Montana Today</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Montana 48 hours ago</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Increase in 24 hours</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>MT Total Recovered</i>	135	
<i>MT Recovered 48-hrs ago</i>	57	
<i>Increase in 48-hours</i>	78	
<b>Gallatin County</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Yellowstone County</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Flathead County</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Missoula County</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Toole County</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Lewis &amp; Clark County</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Silver Bow County</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cascade County</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Madison County</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Lincoln County</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Park County</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Lake County</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Broadwater County</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Deer Lodge County</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Carbon County</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Ravalli County</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Jefferson County</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Glacier County</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Roosevelt County</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Richland County</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Hill County</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Meagher County</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Liberty County</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Musselshell County</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Beaverhead County</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

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#### **Disaster Distress Helpline**

The past few weeks have been stressful for many families, healthcare providers, business owners and others. The Disaster Distress Helpline, [1-800-985-5990](tel:1-800-985-5990), is a 24/7, 365-day-a-year, national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster.

- This toll-free, multilingual, and confidential crisis support service is available to all residents in the United States and its territories. Stress, anxiety, and other depression-like symptoms are common reactions after a disaster.
- Call **1-800-985-5990** or text **TalkWithUs to 66746** to connect with a trained crisis counselor.

#### **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.

#### **Home Delivery of Groceries**

The Townsend *Knights of Columbus* are offering a unique service to local senior citizens and those with disabilities. If you need grocery supplies and can't (or shouldn't) get out because of the coronavirus pandemic, call Martin Mingay at (406) 980-1033. Local *K of C* members are more than willing to take your order over-the-phone and delivery to your home at no extra charge.

- The best time for seniors to do in-store shopping at Bob's Supermarket is early morning – 6:00 to 7:30 am daily – because there are fewer customers out and about at that time of day.
- For store information, call Bob's at (406) 266-5248.

#### **Broadwater Food Pantry in Townsend**

As more workers get laid-off, there is a growing demand for groceries.

The Pantry has drive-up service only at 315 Broadway.

- Food donations every Friday 3:00 to 5:00 pm at 315 Broadway.
- Food distribution every Saturday 9:00 to 10:45 am at 315 Broadway.
- For food emergencies, call Karoline Nelson 406-438-3981 or Don Peace 406-266-1325.
- **Broadwater Food Pantry is in need of money donations. Please send donation checks payable to:**

Broadwater Food Pantry  
P.O. Box 1164  
Townsend, MT 59644

#### **Legal Services for Low Income**

Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) has a pro bono (legal work for a client with a low income without charge) disaster legal services program.

- Call the Hotline 1-800-666-6899 and website: <https://www.mtlsa.org/>

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#### **Dept of Commerce to Help Business**

The Montana Department of Commerce has launched a website to help businesses find resources related to COVID-19 and other disaster recovery programs.

Website: <https://commerce.mt.gov/BusinessRecovery>

#### **Paid Leave for Many Workers Due to Coronavirus**

If you work for a business with less than 500 employees, you may be eligible for paid sick or family leave due to impacts from the coronavirus pandemic. Starting April 1 and through December 31, 2020, you may get:

- Up to two weeks of paid sick leave if you or a family member is quarantined or has symptoms of COVID-19
- Up to an extra 10 weeks of paid family and medical leave if your child's school or daycare provider is closed or unavailable

Businesses will receive funds from the government to cover costs of providing leave. If you own a small business with less than 50 workers, you may not have to provide leave for childcare purposes. [Find information for employees and employers about paid leave due to the coronavirus emergency.](#)

#### **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](#).

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

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

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**State COVID19 Hotline: 1-888-333-0461**

**Broadwater County Public Health: 406-266-5209**

**Billings Clinic Broadwater/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://COVID19.mt.gov)