

# COVID19 Broadwater County/City of Townsend MT

## Situation Report for April 30, 2020

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

### Situation Report # 41

**Thursday, April 30, 2020**

Time issued: 1:30 pm

#### Montana Summary

As of April 30, 2020, at 10:00 am a total of 453 individuals have tested positive in Montana.

Two (2) new cases reported since yesterday.

**1 – Park County (8) total**

**1 – Fergus County (1)**

- 453 total cases
- 392 Montanans have recovered
- 61 active cases currently
- 5 currently hospitalized
- 61 total hospitalizations to date
- 16 deaths in Montana to date

#### Townsend Schools to Continue Remote Learning

The Townsend School District Board of Trustees decided to continue remote learning schedule through the end of the academic year. The decision was based on student, staff, and family safety, as well as a parent survey, staff input, and many other factors. School facilities will continue to be closed until further notice.

#### OPI Guidelines for Back to School

The Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) and the School Safety Advisory Committee has released guidance to schools and families regarding best practices for re-entry and partial re-entry back into schools based on the Governor's phased re-opening guidance. Read the [press release and guidance here](#).

#### Broadwater County Case Summary

4 – Total confirmed cases

1 – Total active cases

3 – Total recovered cases

| COVID19 Case Update             |                  |               |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 4/30/2020 at 10:00 am           | Positive         | Deaths        |
| <b>United States Today</b>      | <b>1,054,261</b> | <b>61,717</b> |
| <b>United States Yesterday</b>  | <b>1,015,289</b> | <b>58,529</b> |
| <b>Increase</b>                 | <b>38,972</b>    | <b>3,188</b>  |
| <i>U.S. Total Recovered</i>     | <i>124,979</i>   |               |
| <i>U.S. Recovered Yesterday</i> | <i>115,955</i>   |               |
| <i>Increase</i>                 | <i>9,024</i>     |               |
| <b>Montana Today</b>            | <b>453</b>       | <b>16</b>     |
| <b>Montana Yesterday</b>        | <b>451</b>       | <b>16</b>     |
| <b>Increase</b>                 | <b>2</b>         | <b>0</b>      |
| <i>MT Total Recovered</i>       | <i>392</i>       |               |
| <i>MT Recovered Yesterday</i>   | <i>382</i>       |               |
| <i>Increase</i>                 | <i>10</i>        |               |
| Gallatin County                 | 146              | 1             |
| Yellowstone County              | 80               | 2             |
| Missoula County                 | 39               | 1             |
| Flathead County                 | 37               | 2             |
| Toole County                    | 29               | 6             |
| Lewis & Clark County            | 16               | 0             |
| Cascade County                  | 15               | 2             |
| Silver Bow County               | 11               | 0             |
| Madison County                  | 8                | 1             |
| Lincoln County                  | 7                | 1             |
| Park County                     | 8                | 0             |
| Roosevelt County                | 7                | 0             |
| Carbon County                   | 6                | 0             |
| Glacier County                  | 6                | 0             |
| Lake County                     | 5                | 0             |
| Ravalli County                  | 5                | 0             |
| <b>Broadwater County</b>        | <b>4</b>         | <b>0</b>      |
| Deer Lodge County               | 3                | 0             |
| Big Horn County                 | 3                | 0             |
| Richard County                  | 3                | 0             |
| Liberty County                  | 1                | 0             |
| Jefferson County                | 2                | 0             |
| Pondera 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            | 3                | 0             |
| Wheatland County                | 1                | 0             |
| Fergus County                   | 1                | 0             |

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### **COVID Testing in Montana to Increase**

On April 29, the Governor outlined a framework to ramp up testing capacity in Montana over the next several months with a goal to eventually conduct 60,000 tests per month and prioritize testing for vulnerable Montanans in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, tribal communities, and those with COVID19 symptoms. Using funds from the CARES Act, the Governor is establishing a \$5 million grant program available to local health departments, and tribal public health.

### **New and Additional Symptoms for COVID19**

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has added six new symptoms to its existing list of symptoms for COVID19. The CDC has long said that fever, cough and shortness of breath are indications that someone might have the disease caused by the novel coronavirus. These symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus:**

- Fever
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Chills
  - Repeated shaking with chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - New loss of taste or smell
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***As Montana slowly moves forward in reopening the economy in three phases, we all have a shared responsibility to keep the virus in-check and our community healthy and safe.***

***The coronavirus has proved highly contagious and potentially deadly, but the vast majority of people who become infected will show either no symptoms or only mild ones.***

### **Guidelines for All Phases: Individuals**

#### **CONTINUE TO PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE**

- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
- Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.
- Strongly consider using non-medical face coverings while in public, especially in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing (grocery/retail stores, pharmacies, public transportation, etc.).

#### **PEOPLE WHO FEEL SICK SHOULD STAY HOME**

- Do not go to work or school.
- Contact and follow the advice of your medical provider.
- Follow local health department guidance on isolation and quarantine.

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**Guidelines for All Phases: Employers**

Develop and implement appropriate policies, in accordance with Federal, State, and local regulations and guidance, and informed by industry best practices, regarding:

- Social distancing and protective equipment.
- Temperature checks and/or symptom screening.
- Collaborate with public health on testing, isolating, and contact tracing.
- Sanitation.
- Use and disinfection of common and high-traffic areas.

**Monitor workforce for indicative symptoms. Do not allow people with symptoms of COVID-19 to work.**

**Collaborate with public health when implementing policies and procedures for workforce contact tracing following an employee COVID+ test.**

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**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**
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