

COVID19 Broadwater County/City of Townsend, Montana

Situation Report for May 1, 2020

Broadwater County Disaster and Emergency Services, Townsend, Montana

Montana COVID-19 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 everyday)

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

Situation Report # 42

Friday, May 1, 2020

Time issued: 12:15 pm

Montana Summary

As of May 1, 2020, at 10:00 am a total of 453 individuals have tested positive in Montana.

No new cases reported since yesterday.

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

Relief Aid Fund 2nd Round of Grant Requests

Requests for grants to help our local businesses are now being accepted. The grants are up to \$500 and will be based on need caused by the COVID-19 Shutdown. Requests will be evaluated on May 15 and the checks will go out May 16. Businesses that have been adversely affected by the shutdown can complete a grant request online at:

<https://missourivalleymarketing.org> Applicants should highlight how their business has been affected by the Shutdown. Donations to this Relief Aid Fund can be made online at <https://missourivalleymarketing.org> or send checks to:

Missouri Valley Marketing
P.O. Box 245
Townsend, MT 59644

For the latest updates on the Novel Coronavirus in Montana refer to the links below:

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

Broadwater County Case Summary

4 – Total confirmed cases

1 – Total active cases

3 – Total recovered cases

COVID19 Case Update		
5/1/2020 at 10:00 am	Positive	Deaths
United States Today	1,082,411	63,127
United States Yesterday	1,054,261	61,717
Increase	28,150	1,410
<i>U.S. Total Recovered</i>	<i>159,663</i>	
<i>U.S. Recovered Yesterday</i>	<i>124,979</i>	
<i>Increase</i>	<i>34,684</i>	
Montana Today	453	16
Montana Yesterday	453	16
Increase	0	0
<i>MT Total Recovered</i>	<i>397</i>	
<i>MT Recovered Yesterday</i>	<i>392</i>	
<i>Increase</i>	<i>5</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
Broadwater County	4	0
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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Critical Care Decontamination System for N95 Respirators

Montana has received a Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System to be used in cleaning and disinfecting used N95 respirators. The system can decontaminate 80,000 used N95 respirators per day and a single respirator can be reused up to 20 times without degradation. To get N95 respirators cleaned, health care providers must first fill out an enrollment form at battelle.org/decon. Battelle will return an email with links to the enrollment contract, instructions and the Battelle point of contact. Shipping is at no cost if arranged through Battelle and FedEx.

Broadwater County Issues Guidelines to Reopen Businesses

The Broadwater County Environmental Health Officer, Shawn Rowland, issued specific guidelines for certain local business establishments to be eligible to reopen and service customers. Two specific sets of guidelines are identified as follows:

- **Bars, Brew Pubs, Wineries, Casinos, and Food Service Operations to Dine-in Customers,** and
- **Personal Care Services: Salons, Massage, Body Art, and Other Establishments**

If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Rowland at (406) 266-9209 or E-mail:

sanitarian@co.broadwater.mt.us

(Copies of these two guidelines are attached to this DES email.)

Broadwater Food Pantry

The Pantry has drive-up service only at 315 Broadway in Townsend. As more workers get laid-off, there is a growing demand for groceries.

- Food donations every Friday 3:00 to 5:00 pm.
- Food distribution every Saturday 9:00 to 10:45 am.
- 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 checks payable to:**

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

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 or other supplies and can't (or shouldn't) get out because of the coronavirus pandemic, call Martin Mingay at (406) 980-1033, who will take your order. Members of the local *Knights of Columbus* will delivery to your home. This is a free service to the community.

Apply for food, medical or cash assistance.

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services has an online application process for all who need help during the economic crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic. You can apply for food, medical, or cash assistance. Find out more about the programs by clicking the links below.

- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\)](#) - Formerly Food Stamps
- [Temporary Assistance for Needy Families \(TANF\)](#) - Cash assistance
- [Health Coverage Assistance](#) - Medicaid, Healthy Montana Kids, health insurance assistance and tax credits through the federal Health Insurance Marketplace

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Townsend Schools to Continue Remote Learning

Townsend Schools will 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.

Mental Health Resources

Montana Dept. of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) has a list of crisis mental health resources for individuals, families, and providers. Get resources for stress management, suicide prevention life-lines, info sheets. Find the [resources here](#).

When to Seek Medical Attention

If you have any of these **emergency warning signs*** for COVID19 get **medical attention immediately**:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face

*This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Call 911 if you have a medical emergency: Notify the 911 Dispatcher that you have, or think you might have, COVID19. If possible, put on a cloth face covering before medical help arrives.

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

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

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

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