

COVID19 Broadwater County/City of Townsend, Montana

Situation Report for May 15, 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 # 51
Friday, May 15, 2020

Time issued 1:20 pm

The *last* Situation Report was Wed - May 15th.
 The *next* Situation Report will be Mon - May 18th.

Montana Update

Today, Friday, May 15, 2020, at 10:00 am there is a total of 466 positive cases in Montana.

Four (4) new case reported since Wed, May 15th.

4 – Big Horn County (8) county total

Montana Summary for Today

Active cases: 19
 Recovered cases: 431
 Deaths: 16
 Total confirmed cases: 466
 Active hospitalizations: 3
 Total hospitalizations: 63
 Total tests statewide: 25,418

Broadwater County Summary for Today

Active cases: 1
 Recovered cases: 3
 Deaths: 0
 Total confirmed cases: 4

Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) Associated with COVID-19

The CDC is providing background information on several cases of a recently reported multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) associated with COVID-19; and a case definition for this syndrome. It is currently unknown if multisystem inflammatory syndrome is specific to children or if it also occurs in adults. There is limited information currently available about risk factors, pathogenesis, clinical course, and treatment for MIS-C.

In early May 2020, the New York City Dept. of Health received reports of children with

multisystem inflammatory syndrome. From April 16 through May 4, 2020, 15 patients aged 2-15 years were hospitalized, many requiring admission to the intensive care unit. As of May 12, 2020, the New York State Dept. of Health identified 102 patients with similar presentations and continue to receive additional reports of suspected cases. (See **CDC Health Advisory** attached to this email.)

COVID19 Case Update				
5/15/2020 at 10:00 am	Tested Positive	Recovered	Active	Deaths
U. S. Today	1,427,867	246,414	1,181,453	86,386
U.S. on Wed. 5/13/20	1,372,855	230,287	1,142,568	82,548
Increase or Decrease	55,012	16,127	38,885	3,838
Montana Today	466	431	19	16
Montana on Wed. 5/15/20	462	423	16	16
Increase or Decrease	4	8	3	0
Gallatin County	149	145	3	1
Yellowstone County	83	79	2	2
Missoula County	39	38	0	1
Flathead County	37	35	0	2
Toole County	29	21	2	6
Lewis & Clark County	16	16	0	0
Cascade County	17	14	1	2
Silver Bow County	11	10	1	0
Madison County	8	7	0	1
Park County	8	8	0	0
Big Horn County	8	2	6	0
Lincoln County	7	5	1	1
Roosevelt County	7	7	0	0
Carbon County	6	6	0	0
Glacier County	6	6	0	0
Lake County	5	5	0	0
Ravalli County	5	5	0	0
Broadwater County	4	3	1	0
Deer Lodge County	3	3	0	0
Richard County	3	3	0	0
Golden Valley County	3	3	0	0
Jefferson County	3	2	1	0
Pondera County	2	2	0	0
Liberty County	1	1	0	0
Hill County	1	1	0	0
Meagher County	1	1	0	0
Musselshell County	1	1	0	0
Beaverhead County	1	1	0	0
Stillwater County	1	1	0	0
Wheatland County	1	1	0	0

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Important of Continuing Social Distancing

As Montana moves into phased reopening, continued physical distancing is essential.

- **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 even talks.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- COVID19 can be spread by people who are not showing any symptoms.

Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) Expanded

The Governor is directing \$5 million in federal CARES Act funds to expand assistance to thousands of Montanans struggling with their home energy needs due to financial strain caused by COVID-19.

- Current LIEAP program recipients will automatically receive the supplemental assistance. The supplemental benefit will be applied toward the recipient's electric bill, since the electricity cost is usually higher during the summer months. Further, current LIEAP clients will be able to have any remaining 2019-2020 season benefit applied to their accounts rather than being returned at the end of the heating season as is normally the case.
- Individuals who are not current LIEAP clients can apply for the new Emergency COVID-19 Energy Assistance program by contacting their [local LIEAP office](#). Individuals can also call the toll-free LIEAP number at 1-833-317-1080. Applications are available now for both homeowners and renters.

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.

Legal Services for Low-Income Essential Workers and People Over 60

Montana Legal Services Association is partnering with MT DPHHS and the Legal Services Developer Program to pair volunteer attorneys with low-income essential workers who would like assistance in developing their estate planning documents including a will, powers of attorney, and advanced directives. For information, call 1-800-666-6899 or apply [online here](#).

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