

COVID19 Broadwater County/City of Townsend, Montana

Situation Report for May 18, 2020

Broadwater County Disaster and Emergency Services, Townsend, Montana

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

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

**Situation Report # 52
Monday, May 18, 2020**

Time issued – 1: 30 pm

The *last* Situation Report was Fri, May 18th.
The *next* Situation Report will be Wed, May 20th.

Montana Update

Today, Monday, May 18, 2020, at 10:00 am there is a total of 470 positive cases in Montana.

Four (4) new cases reported since Fri, May 18th.

3 – Yellowstone County (86) county totals

1 – Ravalli County (6)

Montana Summary for Today

- Active cases: 20
- Recovered cases: 434
- Deaths: 16
- Total confirmed cases: 470
- Active hospitalizations: 4
- Total hospitalizations: 64
- Total tests statewide: 28,167

Broadwater County Summary for Today

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

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

There will not be a LEPC meeting this week. Montana is still in *Phase One* of the state reopening plan. We are limited to groups of more than 10 people with appropriate physical distancing of six-feet between individuals. Perhaps we can get together next week.

CDC Addresses Critical Wildland Firefighting Questions

Wildfire season is fast approaching throughout the West. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has released Frequently Asked Questions for wildland firefighters. Find the FAQs and [information here](#).

COVID19 Case Update				
5/18/2020 at 10:00 am	Tested Positive	Recovered	Active	Deaths
U. S. Today	1,496,509	272,265	1,224,244	89,874
U.S. on Fri. 5/18/20	1,427,867	246,414	1,181,453	86,386
Increase or Decrease	68,642	25,851	42,791	3,488
Montana Today	470	434	20	16
Montana on Fri. 5/18/20	466	431	19	16
Increase or Decrease	4	3	1	0
Gallatin County	149	145	3	1
Yellowstone County	86	78	6	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	6	5	1	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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Broadwater County Board of Health Minutes

Attached to this email is a draft copy of the Board of Health meeting minutes for Monday, May 11, 2020.

Toston Bridge Road Construction

Road construction for Toston Structures and US 287 North of Three Forks will stop over the Memorial Day weekend starting noon on Friday and will resume Tuesday morning. There should be no additional delays over the holiday weekend. For your safety, remember to buckle up and please observe the posted construction zone speed limit even when construction crews aren't present.

Important of Continuing Social Distancing

As Montana moves into a 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.
- 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.

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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