

Incident Name:

## COVID19 Broadwater County, MT

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### Situation Report # 4

**Wednesday, March 25, 2020**

Time issued: 5:14 PM

#### **BROADWATER COUNTY NOW HAS TWO CONFIRMED COVID 19 CASES**

Today, a second person was confirmed with the COVID19 virus in Broadwater County. This person is self-quarantined at home. In addition, there are four other people in the county that have been tested and are waiting test results.

#### **GOVERNOR EXTENDS CLOSURES**

On March 24th, Governor Bullock issued a directive to extend closures of public schools and dine-in food service and alcoholic beverage businesses through April 10 and mandate social distancing measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Montana. (See attachment # 2 to this email.)

#### **CALL YOUR DOCTOR.**

If you think you have been exposed to the COVID19 virus and develop a fever (100.4 F+) and symptoms, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call you healthcare provider for medical advice. (See phone contact information below.)

#### **FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH FOR ALL KIDS**

- Townsend Schools K-12 are providing free grab and go breakfast and lunch bags (Monday thru Friday) for all children ages zero to eighteen (not just students).
- 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. Monday thru Friday.
- Students can also pick up school Chromebooks and permission slips at the lunchroom.
- For out-of-town children and youth, the grab and go meals will be delivered Monday thru Friday to the following locations:
- Winston Fire Station from 8:30-10:00 am
- Lower 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
- Students can also pick up school Chromebooks and permission slips at these locations.

COVID-19 Cases Reported in Montana				
<i>As of 3/25/2020 at 4:30 pm</i>	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Deaths</i>	<i>Recovered</i>	<i>Active</i>
<b>MONTANA TOTAL</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>65</b>
Gallatin County	24	0	0	24
Yellowstone County	12	0	0	12
Missoula County	6	0	0	6
Flathead County	5	0	0	5
Silver Bow County	4	0	0	4
Cascade County	3	0	0	3
Lewis & Clark County	3	0	0	3
Madison County	2	0	0	2
<b>Broadwater County</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Jefferson County	1	0	0	1
Ravalli County	1	0	0	1
Roosevelt County	1	0	0	1
Hill County	1	0	0	1

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### **STUDENTS LEARNING AT HOME USING THE INTERNET**

- Townsend students are to log in to Google classroom or Class Dojo every day.
- Students can pick up school Chromebooks and permission slips each morning at all lunch distribution sites.
- Townsend Schools will be providing periodic updates through the Infinite Campus messenger, and the school's Facebook page.
- School closure has been extended through April 10, 2020, by the Governor.
- All school buildings are closed, including weight room, library and Old Baldy activities.

### **BROADWATER FOOD PANTRY IN TOWNSEND**

- **The Broadwater Food Pantry needs both food and money donations.**
- As more workers get laid-off, there is a growing demand for groceries.
- *Please send donation checks payable to:*  
*Broadwater Food Pantry*  
*P.O. Box 1164*  
*Townsend, MT 59644*
- 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.

### **TOWNSEND SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER**

- Monday thru Friday, except holidays, for senior citizens age-60 plus, the Center has both meals-to-go for pick up and normal home deliveries of Meals-on-Wheels, in the Townsend area for the homebound. Normal meal prices apply.
- Please order meals (for pick up or delivery) the **day before**, by calling 406-266-3995.

### **INCOME TAX DEADLINES EXTENDED**

- **Federal Income Tax** and **Montana Individual Income Tax** filing deadline is now July 15, 2020
- If you are owed a refund, then file immediately to receive your refund.

### **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION LOANS**

- The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to all Montana small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Apply online at: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

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### **LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE 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/>
- Contact Megan Helton, Disaster Program Manager 406-442-9817 [mhelton@mtlsa.org](mailto:mhelton@mtlsa.org)

### **COVID19 TESTING**

- If you are a member of the public and are concerned about getting tested for COVID19, please contact your primary care provider.
- Call ahead to a healthcare provider if you develop a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as cough or difficulty breathing, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently traveled to an area with ongoing spread.
- Tell your healthcare provider about your recent travel or contact. Your healthcare provider will work with Montana's public health department and CDC to determine if you need to be tested for COVID19. Find out more at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/steps-when-sick.html>

### **Incident Contact Information**

**State COVID-19 information hotline: 1-888-333-0461**

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

**Billings Clinic/Broadwater in 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 COVID-19 situation website: [COVID19.mt.gov](https://www.covid19.mt.gov)**

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