

Incident Name:

COVID19 Broadwater County/City of Townsend MT Situation Report

Broadwater County Disaster and Emergency Services, Townsend, Montana

Montana COVID-19 dashboard website: [GIS map](#)

Wash Your Hands! Stay Calm! Keep Your Distance! Show Compassion!

*Reach out and touch someone with your voice – phone someone, not just send a text message.
Call someone. A grandparent or grandchild. A neighbor. A friend.
See how they are coping. Do they need anything?
Share your supplies and your confidence.
Be Great Americans!*

Situation Report # 8 Saturday, March 28, 2020

Time issued: 5:13 PM

Broadwater County Now Has 3 Confirmed Cases

Today, Broadwater gained one additional COVID19 case, with a total of 3 confirmed. In addition, Gallatin added 11 new cases; Yellowstone 3; Lewis and Clark 1; Lake 1; and Park 1, for a total of 18 **new cases** in Montana as of 4:45 pm.

Highly Contagious Disease – COVID19

This is a contagion that most frequently spreads person to person. The virus may live on surfaces and remain in the air after someone coughs or sneezes for an unknown period of time, creating a range of opportunities for exposure. Exposure can also happen when a person touches a surface or object that has the live virus on it and then touches one’s face.

People at Higher Risk for Severe COVID19 illness

Based on currently available information, **older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions** might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 include:

- People aged 65 years and older
- People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility

Other High-risk Conditions

- People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- People who have serious heart conditions
- People who are immunocompromised including cancer treatment
- People of any age with severe obesity or certain underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, such as those with diabetes, renal failure, or liver disease might also be at risk.

COVID19 Cases in Montana		
As of 3/28/20 at 4:45 pm	Cases	Deaths
MONTANA TOTAL	147	1
Gallatin County	57	0
Yellowstone County	26	0
Lewis & Clark County	10	0
Missoula County	9	0
Silver Bow County	8	0
Cascade County	7	0
Flathead County	6	0
Toole County	5	0
Madison County	3	0
Lincoln County	3	1
Broadwater County	3	0
Jefferson County	2	0
Lake County	2	0
Park County	2	0
Ravalli County	1	0
Roosevelt County	1	0
Hill County	1	0
Meagher County	1	0

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People Aged 65 Years and Older

What you can do:

- **Stay home.**
- **Wash your hands** often.
- **Avoid close contact** (6 feet, which is about two arm lengths) with people who are sick.
- **Clean and disinfect** frequently touched surfaces.
- **Avoid all cruise travel** and non-essential air travel.
- **Call your healthcare professional if you have concerns** about COVID-19 and your underlying condition or if you are sick.

Stay at Home

A statewide Stay At Home Order went into effect Saturday, March 28, 2020. Non-essential social and recreational gathering of individuals outside of a person's home are prohibited, if a distance of at least six feet between individuals cannot be maintained. It's called "social distancing".

Essential Activities Only

Individuals may venture out into society to perform essential tasks relating to their health and safety, seek necessary food, medicine, supplies and other essential services; to take care of others; to perform essential types of work; and for outdoor exercise, such as, walking, hiking, running, or biking – all in compliance with social distancing standards.

For More Information on Stay At Home Order

Gallatin County Emergency Management is a great source. Use this link to learn more about the State At Home Order: [Stay at Home Order](#). Essential services are defined in the Order and are based on a federal's [guidance document](#). View the [order here](#) and the [federal guidance here](#).

The State has established call center for businesses to determine what are considered essential services and businesses at **1-800-755-6672**.

Support Our Local Businesses

Many businesses in Broadwater County are open *with social distancing standards in effect*, and **need your business**. Grocery stores, pharmacies, supermarkets, convenience stores, gas stations, hardware and supply stores, Laundromats, and post offices. When you venture out, keep your distance when you are in public. Stay healthy and safe.

Food – Takeout and Delivery

Certain local restaurants, bars and bakeries that prepare food for takeout or delivery services are open for business. Always **call ahead** to place orders and check on their hours of operations and menu items. These businesses are to be approved by the county sanitarian for the food and beverage services they offer and licensed as required by state law.

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Local COVID19 Hotline 406-603-4524

Billings Clinic Broadwater Townsend has established a COVID19 Hotline daily 7 am to 5 pm. If you have any questions about COVID19 and your health, talk with a local nurse by calling **(406) 603-5425**.

Information to Help Prevent the Spread

- Stay home if you're sick
- Cover your cough, and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects.

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 COVID19 Resource Listed on the last page of this Situation Report.)*

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 COVID19 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>

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

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

COVID19 Resource Guide

Townsend COVID19 Hotline 406-603-4524

State COVID19 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 COVID19 situation website: [COVID19.mt.gov](https://www.covid19.mt.gov)

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