

**COVID19 Broadwater County/City of Townsend MT**

**Situation Report for April 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)*

***Wash Your Hands! Stay calm!  
Keep Your Distance! Be not afraid!***

**Situation Report # 26  
Wednesday, April 15, 2020**

Time issued 3:00 PM

**Montana Update Summary**

As of April 14, 2020, at 2:30 AM, a total 404 individuals have tested positive in Montana with COVID19. Five (5) new cases reported in Montana today:

- 1 – Gallatin County (139) totals**
- 1 – Yellowstone County (64)**
- 1 – Flathead County (37)**
- 1 – Roosevelt County (4)**
- 1 – Pondera County (1)**

- 209 Montanans have recovered
- 21 active hospitalizations
- 51 hospitalized totally
- 7 fatalities to date as a result of COVID19

**Guidance on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Preservation**

FEMA has released guidance on personal protective equipment (PPE) preservation best practices. The document addresses three categories of PPE preservation: Reduce, Reuse, and Repurpose. Find the [guidance here](#).

**Latest Updates on the Coronavirus in Montana refer to the links below:**

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

**Call Your Doctor**

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical advice or **Townsend COVID19 Hotline 406-603-4524 (Daily 7 am to 7 pm)**

COVID19 Case Update		
<i>Today: 4/15/20 at 3:00 pm</i>	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Deaths</b>
<b>United States Today</b>	<b>632,878</b>	<b>27,850</b>
<b>United States Yesterday</b>	<b>598,670</b>	<b>25,239</b>
<b>Increase</b>	<b>34,208</b>	<b>2,611</b>
<i>U.S. Total Recovered</i>	<i>51,160</i>	
<i>U.S. Recovered Yesterday</i>	<i>44,364</i>	
<i>Increase</i>	<i>6,796</i>	
<b>Montana Today</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Montana Yesterday</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Increase</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>MT Total Recovered</i>	<i>209</i>	
<i>MT Recovered Yesterday</i>	<i>171</i>	
<i>Increase</i>	<i>38</i>	
Gallatin County	139	0
Yellowstone County	64	0
Flathead County	37	1
Missoula County	30	1
Toole County	26	3
Lewis & Clark County	16	0
Cascade County	13	0
Silver Bow County	11	0
Madison County	8	1
Lincoln County	7	1
Park County	7	0
Carbon County	6	0
Lake County	5	0
Ravalli County	5	0
<b>Broadwater County</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
Glacier County	4	0
Deer Lodge County	3	0
Roosevelt County	4	0
Richard County	3	0
Jefferson County	2	0
Big Horn County	2	0
Hill County	1	0
Meagher County	1	0
Liberty County	1	0
Musselshell County	1	0
Beaverhead County	1	0
Stillwater County	1	0
Golden Valley County	1	0
Pondera County	1	0

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**COVID19 Symptoms**

These symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure**:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

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**Important of Physical (Social) Distancing**

There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease (COVID19). **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 talks.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- Studies have suggested that COVID19 is spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

**BOR Restricts Camping and Group Use at Canyon Ferry**

Because of the COVID19 situation, the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) is temporarily restricting public use of its facilities at Canyon Ferry Reservoir, Tiber Reservoir (Lake Elwell), Fresno and Nelson Reservoirs, and Clark Canyon Reservoir. Boat launching ramps and day use will remain open where possible; however, courtesy boat docks are not yet in place at this time.

- *Effective date of this restriction is Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020; no camping that evening.*
- Day use areas remain open from 5:00 am to 10:00 pm, including fishing and launching boats.
- No overnight camping.
- Group Use Sites are closed.
- Bathroom facilities at all locations are closed.
- The Marinas remain closed for the winter season until around mid-May. This opening date may be re-evaluated depending on the COVID9 situation.

BOR has asked that County Sheriff's officers enforce these closures as they continue monitoring and patrolling areas as usual. (See attachment #2 to this email for a copy of the BOR release.)

**Forest Campgrounds, Rental Cabins, Day Use Sites Closed – However, Forest Lands Remain Open**

For a complete list of campgrounds and site closures visit: [www.fs.usda.gov/main/hlcnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/hlcnf) and like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/HLCNF](http://www.facebook.com/HLCNF) or contact the **Townsend Ranger District** (406) 266-3425.

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**Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID19**

The CDC has issued information on the use of cloth face coverings to help slow the spread of COVID19, including frequently asked questions. Find the [web page here](#).

**Mental Health Resources**

Montana Dept. of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) have a list of crisis mental health resources for individuals, families, and providers. Get resources for stress management, suicide prevention life-lines and information sheets, use this link: [resources here](#).

**FBI Security Alert**

Due to COVID19, an increasing number of individuals and organizations are turning to communications platforms—such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams— for online meetings. In turn, malicious cyber actors are hijacking online meetings that are not secured with passwords or that use unpatched software. For tips on making your online meetings more secure, check out this [FBI article](#).

**Beware of COVID19 Scammers**

WATCHOUT FOR SCAMS. Learn about recent scams and how to recognize the warning signs. Read the Federal trade Commission’s (FTC) most recent alerts or browse scams by topic with this link: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts>

**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**

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