

COVID19 Broadwater County/City of Townsend MT

Situation Report for April 16, 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)

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

Situation Report # 27 Thursday, April 16, 2020

Time issued 1:15 PM

Montana Update Summary

As of April 16, 2020, at 1:15 PM, a total 415 individuals have tested positive in Montana with COVID19. Eleven (11) new cases reported in Montana this morning:

- + 3 Yellowstone County (67) totals
- + 3 Missoula County (33)
- + 2 Gallatin County (141)
- + 2 Musselshell County (3)
- + 1 Big Horn County (3)

- 218 Montanans have recovered
- 21 active hospitalizations
- 52 total hospitalizations
- 7 fatalities to date as a result of COVID19

\$1.25 Billion Going to Montana from Congress

Governor has announced the establishment of a *State Coronavirus Relief Fund Task Force* to provide guidance and advice on how to best use \$1.25 billion appropriated to Montana through the **Federal CARES Act** to assist workers, businesses, and sectors of the economy impacted by COVID-19. The Task Force will include 24 Montanans from various sectors and the public is invited to [provide input](#) on how to best utilize these funds. Read the [press release here](#).

To get the 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](#)

COVID19 Case Update		
Today: 4/16/20 at 1:15 pm	Positive	Deaths
United States Today	648,788	30,920
United States Yesterday	632,878	27,850
Increase	15,910	3,070
<i>U.S. Total Recovered</i>	<i>53,489</i>	
<i>U.S. Recovered Yesterday</i>	<i>51,160</i>	
<i>Increase</i>	<i>2,329</i>	
Montana Today	415	7
Montana Yesterday	404	7
Increase	11	0
<i>MT Total Recovered</i>	<i>218</i>	
<i>MT Recovered Yesterday</i>	<i>209</i>	
<i>Increase</i>	<i>9</i>	
Gallatin County	141	0
Yellowstone County	67	0
Flathead County	37	1
Missoula County	33	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
Broadwater County	4	0
Glacier County	4	0
Deer Lodge County	3	0
Roosevelt County	4	0
Richard County	3	0
Jefferson County	2	0
Big Horn County	3	0
Hill County	1	0
Meagher County	1	0
Liberty County	3	0
Musselshell County	1	0
Beaverhead County	1	0
Stillwater County	1	0
Golden Valley County	1	0
Pondera County	1	0

COVID19 Broadwater County/City of Townsend MT

Situation Report for April 16, 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)

County and City Governments are Open-for-Business

Please call for an appointment if you need assistance from any of your City or County Offices. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, access is limited in order to protect your public employees from becoming seriously ill.

- Continuity of local governmental services is essential during the coronavirus situation.

Telephone numbers are:

Townsend City Office	266-3911
Three Forks City Office	285-3444
Co. Attorney	266-9226
Co. Clerk & Recorder	266-3443
Co. Commissioners	266-9270
Co. Disaster Services	266-9250
Co. Elections	266-3443
Co. Finance/Payroll	266-9201
Co. Health Dept.	266-5209
Co. Planning	266-9211
Co. Public Works	266-3429
Co. Sheriff	266-3441
Co. Treasurer	266-3445
District Court	266-9236
Justice of the Peace	266-9230

New One-Stop State Govt Services

The Legislative Services Division is providing a one-stop answer shop for many of the questions bombarding legislators and all Montanans right now including business closures, unemployment, federal relief, and everyday services affected by the COVID19 pandemic.

- State government continues to function and the Executive Branch [COVID-19 website](#) has the most recent information on COVID19, but [this](#) is a place to learn about important changes affecting the citizens of Montana.
- Legislative researchers combed through agency websites and contacted state officials to compile overviews of state services affected and not affected by the pandemic. The video, as well as written updates and overviews, are available [here](#).

Home Delivery of Groceries

The Townsend *Knights of Columbus* are offering a unique service to local senior citizens and those with disabilities. If you need grocery supplies and can't (or shouldn't) get out because of the coronavirus pandemic, call Martin Mingay at (406) 980-1033. Local *K of C* members are more than willing to take your order over-the-phone and delivery to your home at no extra charge.

- The best time for seniors to do in-store shopping at Bob's Supermarket is early morning – 6:00 to 7:30 am daily – because there are fewer customers out and about at that time of day.

COVID19 Broadwater County/City of Townsend MT

Situation Report for April 16, 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)

Clean and Disinfect Guidelines

Clean AND disinfect [frequently touched surfaces](#) daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks. **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

- **To disinfect:**

Most common EPA-registered household disinfectants will work. Use disinfectants appropriate for the surface.

- **Diluting your household bleach.**

To make a bleach solution, mix:

- 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water
- or
- 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water

Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.

- **Alcohol solutions.**

Ensure solution has at least 70% alcohol.

DPHHS has updated their "First Responder Exposure Form"

This is a form approved under MCA 50-16-702 for first responders that think they may have been exposed on a call to get follow up information from the healthcare facility/provider on whether the patient tested negative or positive. Normally, that info is protected under HIPAA and many facilities do not know they can share this information.

- The form is now available online and can be filled out electronically in a .pdf file. Here is the link: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/Portals/85/publichealth/documents/EMSTS/covid/ReportofExposureForm.pdf>
- If you think you are exposed on a call to COVID, HIV or any other disease, you can use this form. It is not limited to EMS. Law Enforcement and fire fighters on the call and on scene assisting may also use the form if you think you were exposed. Please feel free to share this info widely.

For those of you that don't have good internet service, the form is attached.

Apply for food, medical or cash assistance.

Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services has an online application process for all who need assistance 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 these links:

- **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

COVID19 Broadwater County/City of Townsend MT

Situation Report for April 16, 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)

Legal Services for 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/>

Screening of Travelers Entering in Montana

The Montana National Guard Support to Civil Authorities Airport and Amtrak Passenger Screening Mission is ongoing in screening passengers entering the state. Four to Five Guardsmen are placed at select airport terminals and two to three at certain private plane and train stations.

- They are screening the temperatures of arriving passengers, working with TSA agents, local health officials, and medical providers throughout the mission.
- On April 14, 2020, 199 people from 8 trains and 34 flights had their temperatures screened. There were 15 refusals and 1 referral.

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

DES Coordinator: Mike Koehnke, (406) 266-9250, michaelkoehnke@yahoo.com

DES Public Information Officer: Trudie Southwick, (406) 439-9153 trudie5096@gmail.com

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

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

COVID19 Resource Guide

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

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)