

COVID19 Broadwater County/City of Townsend MT

Situation Report for April 9, 2020

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

Situation Report # 20 Thursday, April 9, 2020

Time issued 5:00 PM

Montana Update

As of April 9, 2020, at 4:00 PM, 354 cases of the COVID19 have tested positive in Montana. Nineteen news cases in Montana reported yesterday:

- 8 – Gallatin County**
- 4 – Yellowstone County**
- 3 – Flathead County**
- 1 – Cascade County**
- 1 – Glacier County**
- 1 – Stillwater County**
- 1 – Toole County**

- 31 Montanans hospitalized
- Six fatalities have occurred as a result of COVID19
- A total of 157 Montanans has recovered.

Local Grants to Local Businesses

Townsend Rotary, MVM, BCDC and MBAC are proud to announce that we are now offering Grants to small business owners in Broadwater County that have been affected by the COVID-19 Shutdowns and "stay-at-home" orders. Due to the generosity of our Community members we have funds available to help. You can apply for a grant of up to \$500.00 to help cover expenses in these trying times. The grants will be available until our funds are exhausted. You can apply for a grant at the MVM website:

<https://missourivalleymarketing.org/grantIntroduction>

Or by following the link on the BCDC website at:

<http://townsendmt.com> The first round of grants applications will be accepted through April 15.

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 Cases Update		
Today: 4/9/20 at 4:00 pm	Cases	Deaths
United States Today	454,304	16,267
United States Yesterday	424,945	14,529
Increase in 24 hours	29,359	1,738
<i>U.S. Total Recovered</i>	24,962	
<i>U.S. Recovered Yesterday</i>	<u>23,292</u>	
<i>Increase in 24 hours</i>	1,670	
Montana Today	354	6
Montana Yesterday	319	6
Increase in 24 hours	35	0
<i>MT Total Recovered</i>	157	
<i>MT Recovered Yesterday</i>	57	
<i>Increase in 24 hours</i>	100	
Gallatin County	128	0
Yellowstone County	52	0
Flathead County	34	0
Missoula County	26	1
Toole County	18	3
Lewis & Clark County	16	0
Cascade County	12	0
Silver Bow County	11	0
Madison County	8	1
Lincoln County	7	1
Park County	7	0
Lake County	6	0
Broadwater County	4	0
Deer Lodge County	4	0
Carbon County	3	0
Ravalli County	3	0
Glacier County	3	0
Jefferson County	2	0
Roosevelt County	2	0
Richland 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

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New One-Stop State Govt Service Site

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 COVID-19 pandemic.

- State government continues to function and the Executive Branch [COVID-19 website](#) has the most recent information on COVID-19, 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](#).

Support Local Businesses

Don't travel to Bozeman or Helena to buy your essential supplies. Most businesses in Broadwater County are open with social distancing standards in effect. **They need your business.** Grocery stores, pharmacies, supermarkets, convenience stores, gas stations, hardware, supply stores, and post offices are all open for your convenience. When you do venture out, keep your distance when you are in public. Stay healthy and safe.

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.
- For store information, call Bob's at (406) 266-5248.

Broadwater Food Pantry in Townsend

As more workers get laid-off, there is a growing demand for groceries.

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.
- **Broadwater Food Pantry is in need of money donations. Please send donation checks payable to:**

Broadwater Food Pantry
P.O. Box 1164
Townsend, MT 59644

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/>

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Disaster Distress Helpline

The past few weeks have been stressful for many families, healthcare providers, business owners and others. The Disaster Distress Helpline, [1-800-985-5990](tel:1-800-985-5990), is a 24/7, 365-day-a-year, national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster.

- This toll-free, multilingual, and confidential crisis support service is available to all residents in the United States and its territories. Stress, anxiety, and other depression-like symptoms are common reactions after a disaster.
- Call **1-800-985-5990** or text **TalkWithUs to 66746** to connect with a trained crisis counselor.

Interim Guidance for Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19

To ensure continuity of operations of essential functions, CDC advises that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community.

Link for [Printable Flyers for Workplacespdf icon](#)

- Employers should implement the recommendations in the [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019](#) to help prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace.
 - Additional information about identifying critical infrastructure during COVID-19 can be found on the [DHS CISA websiteexternal icon](#) or the CDC's specific [First Responder Guidance page](#).
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DES Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCntyDES/>

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

COVID19 Resource Guide

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State COVID19 Hotline: 1-888-333-0461

Broadwater County Public Health: 406-266-5209

Billings Clinic Broadwater/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