

COVID19 Broadwater County/City of Townsend MT

Situation Report for April 27, 2020

Broadwater County Disaster and Emergency Services, Townsend, Montana

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

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

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

Situation Report # 38 Monday, April 27, 2020

Time issued 11:00 am

Montana Summary

As of April 27, 2020, at 10:00 AM a total of 449 individuals have tested positive in Montana. Only one (1) new case reported since yesterday:

1 – Yellowstone County (79) Total

- 449 total tested-positive in Montana
- 352 Montanans have recovered
- 97 active cases currently
- 11 currently hospitalized
- 61 total hospitalizations to date
- 14 deaths in Montana to date

Additional Funding for Small Businesses

The SBA will resume accepting Paycheck Protection Program applications from participating lenders on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 10:30am EDT. With the additional funding provided by the new COVID-19 relief package, SBA will resume processing Loan and Advance applications that are already in the queue on a first come, first-served basis. Contact your local bank. To learn more about the relief options available for your business, [click here](#).

Special Townsend School Board Meeting

He Townsend School Board of Trustees have a special meeting tonight, Monday, April 27 at 6:00 pm at Library Community Room to develop plans for the remainder of this school year. (See below, page two for state guidelines.)

Courthouse to Remain Closed Until May 6th

The Broadwater County Board of Health voted unanimously on Friday to continue with the courthouse closure until Wednesday, May 6, 2020. This will give us time to implement the cleaning and social distancing plan.

Broadwater County Case Summary

- 4 – Total confirmed cases
- 3 – Total active cases
- 1 – Total recovered cases

COVID19 Case Update		
Today: 4/27/20 at 10:00 am	Positive	Deaths
United States Today	968,203	54,938
United States Yesterday	943,865	54,480
Increase	24,338	458
<i>U.S. Total Recovered</i>	<i>107,060</i>	
<i>U.S. Recovered Yesterday</i>	<i>105,982</i>	
<i>Increase</i>	<i>1,078</i>	
Montana Today	449	14
Montana Yesterday	448	14
Increase	1	0
<i>MT Total Recovered</i>	<i>352</i>	
<i>MT Recovered Yesterday</i>	<i>339</i>	
<i>Increase</i>	<i>13</i>	
Gallatin County	146	0
Yellowstone County	79	1
Missoula County	39	1
Flathead County	37	1
Toole County	29	5
Lewis & Clark County	16	0
Cascade County	14	2
Silver Bow County	11	0
Madison County	8	1
Lincoln County	7	1
Park County	7	0
Roosevelt County	7	0
Carbon County	6	0
Glacier County	6	0
Lake County	5	0
Ravalli County	5	0
Broadwater County	4	0
Deer Lodge County	3	0
Big Horn County	3	0
Richard County	3	0
Liberty County	3	0
Jefferson County	2	0
Pondera County	2	0
Hill County	1	0
Meagher County	1	0
Musselshell County	1	0
Beaverhead County	1	0
Stillwater County	1	0
Golden Valley County	1	0
Wheatland County	1	0

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GUIDELINES FOR REOPENING MONTANA SCHOOLS

School Reopening Considerations

CLEANING AND SANITATION

- Frequent disinfecting of door handles, desks and other common spaces.
- Require handwashing in regular intervals.
- Keep libraries, gyms, and playgrounds off limits unless they can be sanitized between groups.
- Provide hand sanitizer.

SICK POLICIES

- Implement temperature checks and / or symptom screening when practical.
- Require anyone (students or staff) with COVID-19 symptoms to stay home.

LIMIT CLASS SIZES

- Consider breaking larger classes into smaller groups.
- Students may alternate school days or attend for half days.

MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE

- Consider use of face coverings by all staff and students.
- Keep students with the same group and in the same classroom, with teachers rotating when practical.
- Consider students eating lunch in the classroom to help limit mixing of students.
- Cancel extracurricular activities.
- Prevent any non-school staff, including parents, from entering school buildings.
- Consider reducing bus loads to allow for one student per seat.

GRADUATION CEREMONIES

- Provide a live stream of graduation.
- Consider limiting spectator attendance.
- For larger schools, consider grouping graduates or providing multiple ceremonies.
- Follow social distancing between families.

ACCOMMODATIONS for students, teachers, and staff in an at-risk group:

- Schools that reopen will need to take into consideration that some teachers and staff will fall into the at-risk category because of their age or other health risks. These individuals should have additional accommodations including:
 - teaching classes remotely,
 - utilizing a larger classroom where social distancing can be maintained, or
 - given an option not to return until the risks are reduced.
- Students who are high risk or who have family members who are high risk should not be penalized for failing to attend and should continue to receive remote support.
- Accommodations should also be extended to students and staff who are required to quarantine due to exposure or potential exposure.

School guidelines continued on next page...

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School guidelines continued...

CONFIRMED or SUSPECTED case of COVID-19

- Collaborate with public health to ensure each school has a plan for reporting, contact tracing and both short-term or extended closures in the case of a positive COVID case related to the school or community.
- Utilize CDC guidelines <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-schools.html>

For the latest updates on the Novel Coronavirus in Montana refer to the links below:

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

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

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

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