

April 17, 2020  
10:30am

# Meagher County COVID-19 Coronavirus Fact Sheet

Updated Monday – Friday @ 10:30am  
For weekend State of Montana and Map Data updates:  
<https://covid19.mt.gov/>  
**New and/or updated information underlined in red**



**As of 4/17/2020 10am there are 422 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Montana – 10am 4/16/2020- Cases 415**  
**54 Total Hospitalizations 21 active Hospitalizations 233 Recovered 8 Deaths**  
**COVID-19 in Meagher County: 14 Tested-1 Positive with full recovery-13 Negative**

CDC Coronavirus COVID-19 <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>  
Governor's Coronavirus Task Force <https://covid19.mt.gov/>

4-16-2020 **Toole County Health Department confirms 4<sup>th</sup> death due to Coronavirus, the 8<sup>th</sup> Montanan to die due to COVID-19. <http://news.mt.gov/governor-bullock-statement-on-the-8th-covid-19-death-in-montana>**

4-16-2020 **MEAGHER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT/DIRECTOR**  
*I like to share information when I can. Just got off a 1 hour call with Department of Public Health and Human Services. They are working hard to get the process started of opening Montana back up safely. Many people on the call asked for as much preparation as possible so we can let business owners know what to expect and plan for such as staffing and purchasing. I will do my best to let you all know when we know something. The state will also be looking at messaging about how we face this so called "new normal" and what we might possibly expect with COVID 19. COVID 19 is still circulating with 11 new cases today in Montana.*  
Eva Kerr  
Meagher County Health Dept/Director

4-16-2020 **The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) is reaching out to all interested stakeholders to solicit public comment on the implications of waivers granted due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. <http://news.mt.gov/public-comment-implications-of-federal-waivers-for-testing-accountability-reporting-funding-flexibility>**

4-15-2020 **Governor Bullock Announces Coronavirus Relief Fund Task Force**  
<https://covid19.mt.gov/Portals/223/Documents/FOR%20IMMEDIATE%20RELEASE.pdf?ver=2020-04-16-095947-240>

**The Vitalant Blood Drive will take place April 20<sup>th</sup> 1-6pm** in the Multipurpose Room in the High School. All appointments are currently booked, **but walk-ins will be available. Call Janie Barfuss (547-4016) for the best times for arrival.** Use the 2 west facing doors (facing the Sheriff's Office) **If you do not have masks, they will be provided for you.**  
<https://www.vitalant.org/donate/donor-eligibility.aspx>

**MOUNTAINVIEW MEDICAL CENTER** <http://mvmc.org> 547-3321

- The facility has put strategies in place to reduce transmission of the COVID-19 virus between staff and patients and especially within our elderly population:
  - We are asking that ALL persons call the facility prior to presenting for care. Call 547-3321
  - When you call the facility, a COVID screening questionnaire will be completed to determine the best and safest approach for your care
  - We are not allowing any visitors in the Hospital. Phone calls to patients and residents are encouraged!

- Please, do not hesitate to call or seek treatment; We are prepared and able to take care of your needs in the Hospital, ER and the Clinic.
  - The Hospital and ER are open 24/7 as usual
  - The Clinic is open Mon-Fri 8am to 5pm with one Provider and clinic staff. Call for an appointment.  
It will be determined if it's best for you to come into the office or have a telehealth visit.
  - Most Outpatient services are available- Clinic, Lab, Radiology, and Physical Therapy. Chiropractor and Podiatry are Unavailable at this time.
  - Mental Health is available via Telehealth, for an appointment call 547-3888
- **Reasons to come directly to the ER/Hospital or Call 911:**
  - Any emergencies *not* related to Coronavirus
  - Uncontrolled fevers, Shortness of breath, Severe dehydration
  - Other complicating diseases such as COPD, emphysema, or any other respiratory disorders
- To see regular messaging from MMC or to ask a question:
  - Meagher County Health Dept. Facebook page
  - <https://mvmc.org> [Clinical@mvmc.org](mailto:Clinical@mvmc.org)

#### **MEAGHER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT / PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

- **By appointment only-No walk-ins, call 406-547-3234 Monday - Thursday**  
<https://www.facebook.com/Meagher-County-Health-Department-486471218030952/>
- **CDC: INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE AT HIGHER RISK FOR SEVERE ILLNESS**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/groups-at-higher-risk.html>

The following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

**\*Fever      \*Cough      \*Shortness of breath**

**CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

#### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

- SAMHSA no-cost disaster distress line can be accessed via 800-985-5990; by texting “talkwithus” to 66746 or visiting [disasterdistress.samhsa.gov](https://disasterdistress.samhsa.gov)

#### **WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHOOLS 547-3351 <http://whitesulphur.k12.mt.us/>**

- Meals available to all Students
- Curbside pick up and drop off of materials-call ahead 547-3351

#### **MEAGHER COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE 24/7 ADMIN LINE 547-3397 EMERGENCIES 911**

- **Fingerprinting for employment is unavailable until further notice**
- Maudlow Road closed from Ringling to Gallatin County Line

#### **MEAGHER COUNTY FOOD BANK**

- Open Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> 3:30-6:00pm northside of the Sheriff’s Office

#### **MEAGHER COUNTY COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER Call 547-3651 (6:30am-2:30pm)**

- Closed until further notice; **meals on wheels will continue to be delivered**

#### **CITY OF WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS 547-3911 call for appointments**

- <https://www.whitesulphurspringsmontana.com/payment-option> (online payment)

#### **USDA FOREST SERVICE HELENA-LEWIS&CLARK NATIONAL FOREST**

- Free Personal use Firewood cutting April 1<sup>st</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>
- Check their website for Firewood cutting regulations, closures of Campgrounds, Day sites and Rental cabins [www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/hlcnf)

#### **MONTANA FISH WILDLIFE & PARKS**

- Check the FWP website for a complete list of site closures, updates, river recreation and licensing procedures <http://fwp.mt.gov/covid19>
- FWP suspends float recreation on Smith River thru April 24<sup>th</sup>  
[http://fwp.mt.gov/news/newsReleases/covid19/nr\\_0021.html](http://fwp.mt.gov/news/newsReleases/covid19/nr_0021.html)

#### **STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK**

- Montana Dept of Livestock issues COVID-19 Guidance to Ranchers, Horse Owners, Livestock Markets and related Businesses <https://news.mt.gov/covid-19-guidance-and-recommendations-to-ranchers>  
<http://news.mt.gov/covid-19-guidance-to-horse-owners> <http://news.mt.gov/covid-19-guidance-to-livestock-markets-and-related-businesses>