

April 23, 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 4/23/2020 10am there are 442 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Montana – 10am 4/22/2020 - Cases 439**  
**59 Total Hospitalizations 13 active Hospitalizations 306 Recovered 14 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/>

**4-22-2020** **White Sulphur Springs, K-12 School District #8 School Board, moved to continue with distance learning for the remainder of the school year**  
<http://whitesulphur.k12.mt.us/parent-student-letter-from-the-district/>  
<http://whitesulphur.k12.mt.us/community-letter-from-the-district/>

**4-22-2020** **Governor Bullock announces plan to begin phased reopening of Montana**  
<http://news.mt.gov/governor-bullock-announces-plan-to-begin-phased-reopening-of-montana>  
**Complete Directive: <https://covid19.mt.gov/Portals/223/Documents/04-22-20%20Directive%20and%20Appx%20-%20Reopening%20Phase%20One.pdf?ver=2020-04-22-124954-977>**

**Here is a copy of Governor Bullock's Plan for Reopening the Big Sky- Phased Approach.**  
<https://covid19.mt.gov/joint-information-center>

**Dr. Brunson our Public Health Officer and I (Eva Kerr) have been going over it.**

**At this time, we do not see stricter guidance at the local level, we will follow Governor Bullock's Phase One. Vulnerable individuals should continue stay at home guidance.**

**We are very concerned about larger gatherings in churches starting this weekend and do ask that vulnerable people stay home. I hope the churches can continue to stream the services for these people or others who are not comfortable gathering just yet, we feel it is very hard to social distance in our churches or limit attendance.**

**I do realize everyone is ready to get back to their lives and routines. Things are just going to be different for a while. COVID 19 isn't gone and we could be seeing more cases as places start opening up.**

**Please continue to be smart about everything. Wash your hands, cover your coughs and stay home if you are sick. It is still recommended to wear a face mask in public in case you have Covid and aren't showing symptoms, this would protect others in our community from getting it from you. Practice social distancing when possible. Businesses, churches and people planning events please feel free to reach out to me (406-547-3234) and let's work together on safely accomplishing phase 1. Governor Bullock has asked that people visiting Montana or residents returning to Montana still self-quarantine for 14 days.**

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[Eva Kerr, Public Health Director](#)

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

- MMC is continuing to follow existing strategies as well as the Presidential guidelines released on April 16th.
  - Visiting to both hospital and long-term care remains closed at this time.
  - Please call prior to presenting for care so that proper preparations can be made for your arrival and treatment.
  - A COVID screening questionnaire will be completed to determine the best and safest approach for your care
  - It is now recommended that all persons wear a cloth/homemade face mask when presenting for care.
- 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>

**MONTANA DPHHS COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND PROVIDERS**

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/amdd/covid19#9394810461-resources-for-families>

**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/>

- Distance learning extended through the end of the school year
- 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>

### **STATE OF MONTANA MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION**

- Montana Expands Online Driver License Renewal and Moves Deadlines for Registering Vehicles  
<https://dojmt.gov/driving>