

March 26, 2020  
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# Meagher County COVID-19 Coronavirus Fact Sheet



**As of 3/26/2020 8:00am there are 71 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Montana  
1 Hospitalization  
No confirmed COVID-19 cases in Meagher County**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>  
<https://covid19.mt.gov/>

❖ To mitigate the threat of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) to the Citizens of Meagher County, the following measures and services have been put into place:

- 3-17-2020 Meagher County declares a Local State of Emergency
- 3-20-2020 City Of White Sulphur Springs declares a Local State of Emergency
- 3-24-2020 Governor Bullock today issued a directive to extend closures of public schools and dine-in food service and alcoholic beverage businesses through April 10 and mandate social distancing measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Montana.

❖ With the exception of the Meagher County Library, all County operations remain open for business

**MOUNTAINVIEW MEDICAL CENTER:** <http://www.mvmc.org/>

- Yesterday, we discovered that an employee had close contact with a family member from another county who received a positive test notification on Wednesday afternoon. We conducted employee testing and issued home isolation for those affected. We will continue to monitor the employees while we await test results and guidance from the State.
- A video message will be released today at approximately 5pm with a full update. We will again release a message on Friday. Monitor the Meagher County Health Dept Facebook page for messages.
- The Clinic is CLOSED March 26 & 27<sup>th</sup> to walk in appointments.
  - Telehealth visits are available for Clinic appointments call 547-3321 for Mental Health 547-3888
  - The ER and Hospital are open 24/7
  - We still have a “NO VISITOR” restriction in place for all patients.
  - If you feel ill and may have been exposed to the Coronavirus, please *DO NOT* COME directly to the hospital or clinic.
    - Call 406-547-3321 and a screening questionnaire will be completed
    - Decisions on providing additional care/testing are based on that screening

- **Reasons to come directly to the ER/Hospital include:**
  - Any emergencies *not* related to Coronavirus
  - Uncontrolled fevers
  - Shortness of breath
  - Severe dehydration
  - Other complicating diseases such as COPD, emphysema, or any other respiratory disorder
- **Arrive at the ER ramp and use the call panel when presenting to the facility**

### **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/>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/managing/stress-anxiety>

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS OF MONTANA**

- **Conducting business as usual**
- [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) 1-800-272-6668

### **WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHOOLS**

- **School and all related activities closed thru April 10<sup>th</sup>**; access is limited-call 547-3351 for entry
- Supplemental materials available to students on school webpage, teacher blogs, and emails  
<http://whitesulphur.k12.mt.us/>
- **Meals for free and reduced lunch are being delivered on 3/26/2020. Beginning Monday, the 30<sup>th</sup>, meals will be delivered daily Mon-Fri, unless it is a scheduled day off.**

### **MEAGHER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

- 24/7 Admin line: 406-547-3397 For Emergencies: Call 911
- Sign up for Nixle to receive local emergency notifications and alerts
  - <https://local.nixle.com/register/>

### **MEAGHER COUNTY COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER**

- Closed until further notice; Meals on wheels will continue to be delivered
- Grab and Go delivery available for \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members under 60, call a day ahead. Call 547-3651 (6:30am-2:30pm)
- ***Delivery for Commodities will be Monday the 30<sup>th</sup>. Recipients need to stay in their vehicles. The Center will sign the paperwork for them.***
- Meagher County Transportation (medical trips out of town) reduced to emergency medical needs only (Dialysis, Transfusions)

### **MEAGHER COUNTY FOOD BANK**

- Open Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:30-6pm; North side of the Sheriff's Office
- Please knock at the door and a Food Bank Volunteer will assist you

### **CITY OF WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS**

- City Hall closed to the public
- City Clerks (547-3911) and City Judge (547-3634) are available by appointment only
- Driver's license renewal and testing for April 1<sup>st</sup> has been cancelled

## **RESOURCES:**

- Check Local Community Facebook pages, Meagher County Classifieds, WSS Classifieds to check for local businesses hours and services
- Daycares are closed

You can complete your Census requirements online

<https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html>

## **How to Protect Yourself**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

Please stay at home if you can. Plan your trips out of your home to limit contact. Try to grocery shop weekly. Use delivery or pickup services if they are available from our local stores and restaurants. Governor Bullock has asked that essential meetings/gatherings be kept to 10 people or less and only if there is a way to maintain 6 feet between all people. If you are given the choice to work from home, please try that option. This doesn't mean you always have to stay in your home, get out and soak up some sunshine when you can, just not in groups.

Please use good judgement when returning to our community from traveling. If you have traveled to an area where there is known Covid-19 please practice self-distancing, we recommend you also self-isolate if possible for 14 days, if you start to have symptoms please notify your primary care provider or Mountainview Medical Center at 406-547-3321.

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**Older adults 65 years and older, are at higher risk for severe illness. COVID-19 is a new disease and we are learning more about it every day**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications/older-adults.html>

**“Montanan’s have an obligation to slow the spread of this virus. Our fellow Montanans can all continue to set a good example for each other in adhering to social distancing directives and know that it will save lives,” Governor Bullock said. “For every person who stays at home and avoids non-essential gatherings, the better our chances to fight this virus and protect our frontline health care workers and emergency responders.**

**\*Know How It Spreads    \*Take Steps to Protect Yourself    \*Avoid Close Contact**  
**<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/get-ready.html>**

**Coronavirus Disease FAQs**  
**Managing Stress and Anxiety**  
**If You Are Sick**