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Meagher County COVID-19 Coronavirus Fact Sheet



**As of 3/22/2020 there are 34 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Montana
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**
 - Declaring a local emergency is a procedural tool to aid in the response to the COVID-19 outbreak and related closures. The declaration also allows the City and County the ability to apply for federal reimbursement for certain expenditures related to the disaster, if money becomes available in the future.
- **3-20-2020 Governor Bullock issues Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020 declaring that a state of emergency exists in Montana due to the global outbreak of COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus.**
 - <http://governor.mt.gov/Portals/16/Directive%20on%20Bars%20and%20Restaurants.pdf?ver=2020-03-20-101314-937>

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

MOUNTAINVIEW MEDICAL CENTER: www.mvmc.org

- The Clinic is operating M-F and offering telemedicine visits (547-3321 for appointments)
- If you feel ill and may have been exposed to the Coronavirus, please **DO NOT** COME directly to the hospital or clinic. First call one of the following numbers for screening.
 - Hospital/clinic 24/7: 406-547-3321
 - Public Health Monday -Thursday: 406-547-3234
 - State Hotline 1-888-333-0461
- All emergency and clinic patients will use the Clinic entrance
- Mentalhealth visits call 547-3888
- Mountainview Medical Center has a “NO Visiting” restriction in place for the entire facility

Reasons to come directly to the 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

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/>

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHOOLS

- School and all related activities closed thru March 27th, with extension of closure to be determined this week; 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 3/25/2020.
- Administration will be checking email and voicemail if parents/community have questions.
- **The Steven's Youth Center is closed indefinitely**

MEAGHER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- 406-547-3397 for any and all emergencies or 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)
- Meagher County Transportation (medical trips out of town) reduced to emergency medical needs only (Dialysis, Transfusions)

MEAGHER COUNTY FOOD BANK

- Open Wednesday April 1st 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
- The residents within the city may notice an increased smell or taste of chlorine in the water, ***THIS IS NOT DUE TO COVID-19***. It is normal routine to build up the residual in our farthest reaches of water main.

RESOURCES:

- Check Local Community Facebook pages, Meagher County Classifieds, WSS Classifieds
- Federal Trade Commission warns of Coronavirus scams
<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2020/02/coronavirus-scammers-follow-headlines>

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE CDC (Center for Disease Control) WEBSITE LINK BELOW FOR:

- **WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET SICK**
- **TIPS FOR CAREGIVERS**
- **AFTER HOME ISOLATION**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

Be a Good Friend and Neighbor

- **Stay home if you are sick**
- **Avoid close contact with people who are sick**
- **Cover your cough, and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth**
- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects**
- **Wash your hands frequently**
- **Social distancing of at least 6 feet between persons in the stores is recommended.**

If you are sick:

- You should wear a facemask when you around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room.