

# **COVID-19 Daily Summary Sheet: Thursday, March 19, 2020**

## **Incident Update from the Missoula City-County Health Department**

**Confirmed cases in Missoula County: 4**

**Confirmed cases in Montana: 12**

### **Current closure orders:**

- Restaurants and bars countywide must remain closed until 8 a.m. Tuesday, March 24 (with exception of take-out, drive-thru and delivery). The order may be extended or modified at that time.
- Gyms and theaters countywide must remain closed until 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, March 24. The order may be extended or modified at that time.
- Public K-12 schools statewide must remain closed through Friday, March 27.

### **Travel guidance:**

- Guidance for residents returning from spring break or other travel:
  - **People who have traveled to an area identified as Level 3 for sustained and widespread COVID-19 they need to call the health department at 406-258-3896.** This currently includes most of Europe, including UK and Ireland, Iran, China, South Korea and Malaysia. Visit [www.cdc.gov/travel/notices](http://www.cdc.gov/travel/notices) for the most up-to-date travel advisories.
  - All other travelers do not need to report to the health department at this time; however, they need to watch for COVID-19 symptoms of fever, coughing and difficulty breathing, and they should also practice social distancing. People DO NOT need to get tested unless they develop symptoms. People should not go to the ER, a clinic or the health department asking for a “screening test” if they are asymptomatic.
  - If people do develop symptoms, they should use the screening tools and focused screening center resources listed at [missoula.co/cvirus](http://missoula.co/cvirus). They should not go to the ER or health department.
- Travel recommendations and guidance will continue to change, and health department’s recommendations and guidance may change. Please stay tuned and stay healthy.

### **Guidance for employees returning to work:**

- **If someone tests positive for COVID-19, a public health nurse will let them know when they can return to work.** If someone has symptoms but doesn’t test positive, they can return when symptoms resolve. The health department encourages people to

remember that this incident is constantly evolving and that guidance may change as more information becomes available.

### Agency Updates

<p><b>Missoula County</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk and Treasurer’s Office is CLOSED to the public until further notice. Services available electronically during this time can be found at <a href="https://www.missoulacounty.us/government/administration/clerk-treasurer">https://www.missoulacounty.us/government/administration/clerk-treasurer</a>.</li> <li>• The Elections Office is open to public but requests that voters use the drop box outside to return voter registration forms, absentee ballot applications and other documents, excluding ballots. The office requests that no more than two people are inside the office at a time. <b>The office is encouraging all voters to register to vote by mail. The office will mail fliers to all polling place voters with an absentee ballot application that they can return by mail, postage paid.</b></li> <li>• A full list of changes to Missoula County services and how to access them online or by phone is at <a href="http://missoula.co/changestosome">missoula.co/changestosome</a>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>City of Missoula</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are changes to the way the City does business at the offices level to protect public health. Please see the City website at <a href="https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us">https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us</a> for a roundup of all the changes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sheriff’s Office</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Sheriff’s Office front office door is locked, the front desk remains staffed during normal business hours to answer the main phone line. All other non-essential services have been discontinued at this time.</li> <li>• Missoula County Commissioners adopted an emergency resolution yesterday that will not accept individuals into the detention center who have been charged, but not convicted of non-violent misdemeanor offenses under state laws and/or city ordinances. Effective immediately, the Missoula County Detention Center will not accept individuals into the detention center who have been arrested based on a warrant for failure to appear for court dates related to non-violent misdemeanor offenses under state laws and/or city ordinances.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Providence Montana</b> -Providence St. Patrick Hospital</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PPE and blood supply shortages:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Due to nationwide shortage in PPE supplies, Providence Montana is urging the conservation of</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p>-Providence St. Joseph Medical Center -Providence Montana Clinics</p>	<p>PPE, and asking local and regional businesses and non-health care industries (construction, dental, veterinary, manufacturing, breweries, mining) for personal protective equipment supply donations of any type of mask—surgical, N95 or other. For supply donations, call Anita Nash at 406-329-4147 or email <a href="mailto:anita.nash@providence.org">anita.nash@providence.org</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Montana blood supply is critically low. Please consider blood donations through <a href="#">Red Cross</a>.</li> <li>● Postponed elective/discretionary surgeries/procedures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Providence Montana has decided to postpone elective/discretionary surgeries/procedures since March 16. Leadership is asking other statewide health care organizations, hospitals and ASCs to postpone elective/discretionary surgeries and procedures until further notice to conserve supplies. Led by physician-comprised Medical Advisory Council, providers are reviewing surgeries and procedures using a clinical decision algorithm.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● For updates, visit <a href="https://montana.providence.org/Campaigns/Communications">https://montana.providence.org/Campaigns/Communications</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Community Medical Center</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No visitation policy in effect; exceptions for pediatric, maternity and end-of-life care</li> <li>● Community FirstCare Clinic is conducting focused screenings for children at 323 E. Front St.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Partnership Health Center</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Visit <a href="http://www.partnershiphealthcenter.com/covid-19-updates.html">www.partnershiphealthcenter.com/covid-19-updates.html</a> for the latest information on Partnership Health Center’s response to COVID-19, including any operation changes at PHC satellite locations.</li> <li>● Effective today, PHC Dental will move toward treating urgent dental needs and/or dental emergencies only. Please call the main line at 406-258-4789 with any questions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Missoula Urban Indian Health Center</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MUIHC is currently offering <u>telemedicine services only</u>.</li> <li>● Behavioral health services will begin on Monday, March 23, via telehealth platform.</li> <li>● All group activities and special events have been postponed until further notice.</li> <li>● For MUIHC clients who are elders and need assistance with non-medical items such as food, toiletries, etc., MUIHC staff is available to bring these items to their homes. For assistance, call 406-829-9515.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staff are working remotely and the building is not currently open to the public.</li> </ul>
<b>University of Montana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remote course delivery will continue through the rest of spring semester. UM will not return to face-to-face instruction this semester.</li> <li>• Based on new guidance from the Montana University System, we strongly recommend that students do not return to the residence halls after spring break if they have another housing option.</li> <li>• We know some students do not have another housing option, and we will continue to work with local health care officials to ensure the best accommodations possible in our residence halls.</li> <li>• For students who live off campus, we encourage them to continue their studies in a location where social distancing is most feasible. For some, that may be here in Missoula. For others, that may be back in their hometown.</li> </ul>
<b>Missoula County Public Schools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please visit <a href="http://mcpsmt.org/covid-19">mcpsmt.org/covid-19</a> for updates.</li> <li>• All MCPS buildings are closed until Friday, March 27, including the Business Building, Administration Building, all school sites PK-12, and the Lifelong Learning Center.</li> <li>• MCPS and schools will be canceling or rescheduling any school-related event that exceeds gatherings of people over 10, including the March 25 Strategic Planning Meeting, high school proms, and any concerts and special events planned at schools between now and May 8, 2020.</li> <li>• All MHSAs spring activities will be indefinitely suspended until further notice. This includes practices and contests/meets/festivals. The Executive Board will re-evaluate this situation on April 13, and any additional information regarding spring activities will be provided as it becomes available.</li> <li>• Our schools will be open, with limited access, on Monday, March 23, to allow staff and students to pick up essential items from the buildings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parents and students can pick up personal items, medication and instruments</li> <li>○ Families that requested a loaner laptop can pick them up on Monday.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will start providing sack breakfast and lunch meals to any youth under 18 (this includes homeschool, private school, and students who attend other districts) who need them on Monday, March 23. Details announced Friday 3/20/20.</li> <li>• The MCPS Teaching &amp; Learning Department will compile strategies and educational activities that families can use to keep students engaged in learning during the school closure. Details announced Friday, March 20.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Missoula County Superintendent of Schools</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All school buildings are closed until further notice.</li> <li>• Woodman and Sunset School Districts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ On Monday, March 23, we will open our buildings to families from 9 a.m. to noon so families can collect their child’s belongings. If you cannot come during that scheduled time, please contact school secretary Mariah Cruz at 273-6770 to schedule an alternate pick up time.</li> <li>○ All students in grades 5-8 will be issued their personal school Chromebook.</li> <li>○ Families with children in grades K-4 will be issued, at minimum, one device per family per your request regardless of your personal internet access. If you do not currently have internet access but internet access is available in your area, please contact Mariah for suggestions to get your home connected.</li> <li>○ March 23-27: teachers will compile strategies and educational activities that families can use to keep students engaged in learning during the school closure.</li> <li>○ Our goal is to provide a structure for at-home learning so families can have some easy to implement activities to keep our students engaged and prevent learning loss in skills and knowledge during an extended break.</li> <li>○ If schools remain closed after Monday, March 30, due to a directive by Gov. Steve Bullock or a decision by the Board of Trustees, teachers will work diligently to deliver instructional materials related to your child’s individualized needs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Please send your questions to Erin Lipkind, Missoula County Superintendent of Schools at</li> </ul>

	<p><a href="mailto:elipkind@missoulacounty.us">elipkind@missoulacounty.us</a> or call Erin or Jessica Bird, school clerk, at 406-258-4860.</p>
<b>Mountain Line</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mountain Line is operating its normal bus and paratransit service today, Thursday, March 19.</li> <li>• The most up-to-date information on impacts to Mountain Line’s service can be found on our <a href="#">Facebook page, Twitter or on our website under “Newsroom”</a>: <a href="https://www.mountainline.com/category/recent-news/">https://www.mountainline.com/category/recent-news/</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Missoula International Airport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terminal cleaning is focused on cleaning items with high touch factors (doorknobs, keypads, toilet handles, counters, luggage carts, etc.) at least three times per day. In addition, the terminal is being disinfected from top to bottom on a daily basis using a fogging system that kills 100% of bacteria and viruses on contact.</li> <li>• Signs notifying passengers who have traveled to Level 3 countries and regions have been posted throughout the terminal.</li> <li>• Closely monitoring reported cases for any connection to the airport.</li> <li>• Closely monitoring national actions and determining how those actions affect local operations.</li> <li>• Creating two teams that will have limited physical contact to allow for continued operations in the event of a diagnosis in any given team member.</li> <li>• Traffic counts continue to decline.</li> </ul>
<b>Missoula County Office of Emergency Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Missoula County Emergency Management has partnered with United Way of Missoula County to administer Missoula County's emergency assistance fund. When you give at <a href="https://www.missoulaunitedway.org">https://www.missoulaunitedway.org</a>, you can be assured that your donation will be used in a fair way to support local citizens impacted by COVID-19.</li> </ul>



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