

March 20, 2020

## Meagher County COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Fact Sheet

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:

**The City Of White Sulphur Springs and Meagher County have both declared a Local State of Emergency. The declaration of 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.**

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

**The Steven's Youth Center is closed indefinitely**

**Showdown Ski Area closing today 3/20/2020**

**Governor Bullock orders Bars/Breweries/Restaurants and Casinos to remain closed to on-premise services until March 27, 2020.**

### Mountainview Medical Center:

- No confirmed COVID-19 cases in Meagher County
- Clinic is operating business as usual
- Telemedicine visits are now available, call the clinic to schedule an appointment
- All emergency and clinic visits will be accessed through the Clinic entrance
- Mountainview Medical Center has a "NO Visiting" restriction in place for ALL PATIENTS
- Hospital website will be used to filter current and updated information [www.mvmc.org](http://www.mvmc.org)

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

Reasons to come directly to the hospital include:

Call first if possible: 406-547-3321

- 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

Please watch their website for any updates and instructions [www.mvmc.org](http://www.mvmc.org)

### Meagher County Health Department / Public Health Nurse

- **By appointment only-No walk-ins**  
**406-547-3234**

As of Thursday night, Montana has 16 cases of COVID-19. Meagher County has tested 2 individuals and both tests have been negative.

- Roosevelt County 1 Case
- Yellowstone County 5 Cases
- Gallatin County has 4 Cases
- Missoula County has 4 Cases
- Butte-Silver Bow 1 Case
- Broadwater County 1 Case

<https://www.facebook.com/Meagher-County-Health-Department-486471218030952/>

### Meagher County Sheriff's Office

- **Sign up for Nixle to receive local emergency notifications and alerts**
  - <https://local.nixle.com/register/>

### **White Sulphur Springs Schools:**

- School and all related activities closed thru the 27<sup>th</sup>
- School will be deep cleaned
- Entrance to school will be limited, only access is front door
- Supplemental materials available to students on school webpage <http://whitesulphur.k12.mt.us/>
- Educational supplements are available via teacher blogs and emails.
- K-12 staff met to discuss how to continue to provide educational opportunity to all students.
- Teachers will be making contact with students.
- Education Opportunity no longer supplementary but mandatory.
- Meals for those who opt in on free and reduced are being delivered. The next delivery date is 3/25/2020.
- Administration will be checking email and voicemail if parents/community have questions.

### **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)
- After hour emergencies:
  - Meagher County Sheriff's Office 406-547-3397
- 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,
- The process has been modified
  - Please knock at the door and a Food Bank Volunteer will assist you
  - All recipients will be accommodated, access on the North side of the Sheriff's Office
- Emergency Contact
  - Meagher County Sheriff's Office 406-547-3397

### **City of White Sulphur Springs**

- **City Hall closed to the public**
- **City Clerks and City Judge available by appointment only**
- **Reported line blockages due to non-flushable materials**
- 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.

### **Local businesses:**

- **Call individually for services and hours**
- **Check Business Facebook pages and Local Community Facebook pages**
  - Meagher County Classifieds
  - White Sulphur Springs, MT Classifieds

### **CORONAVIRUS SCAM ALERTS:**

- **Federal Trade Commission warns of Coronavirus scams**  
<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2020/02/coronavirus-scammers-follow-headlines>

### **Prevention Tips: Courtesy of MT DPHHS**

- **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 is encouraged within stores and at checkouts, distancing of at least 6 feet between persons in the stores is recommended.**

**If you are sick:** You should wear a facemask when you are 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.

**To get updated information on COVID-19 access the following websites:**

[www.mvmc.org](http://www.mvmc.org)

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

<https://covid19.mt.gov/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Meagher-County-Health-Department-486471218030952/>