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Gallatin County COVID19 Update

April 24, 2020
COVID-19 Cases – as of April 24, 2020

Gallatin County Cumulative Cases

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Testing Data – as of April 24, 2020

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# of People Tested Per Day and # of Positive Tests Per Day
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Montana / South Dakota Comparison

Reported COVID-19 Cases in Montana and South Dakota, 4/21/2020

MT Issues Stay at Home Order and Closure of Non-Essential Business
Minnehaha County, SD

Reported COVID-19 Cases Minnehaha, ND 4/19/2020
Grand Forks County, ND

Reported COVID-19 Cases in Grand Forks County, ND 4/19/2020
Cass County, ND

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Nursing Homes

• COVID19 in Nursing Homes Across the US
  – 4,700 nursing homes have cases
  – >50,000 total cases
  – >9,000 deaths

• In Gallatin County...
  – Approximately 808 residents living in 20 assisted living and/or long-term care facilities
  – Range in size from 125 residents to 5 residents
Challenges Ahead in Gallatin

• Preparing for sporadic outbreaks or possible resurgence as re-opening progresses and as we move into autumn/winter;
• Impact of possible YNP opening on West Yellowstone and Gallatin County;
• Sustaining our efforts to protect vulnerable populations
  – Seniors
  – Homeless individuals and families
  – People with underlying health conditions
• Schools and large events (concerts, civic events)
Work ahead

• West Yellowstone workgroup (GCCHD, CHP, Bozeman Health, and Town of WYS)
  – Testing/triage/clinical services
  – Public health services (environmental health and COVID response)
  – Input on re-opening YNP

• Implementing shelter and isolation/quarantine for homeless individuals and families.
Metrics Important to Re-opening Success

- Number of cases, hospitalizations, deaths;
- Testing volume and % positive;
- Contact tracing capacity and workload;
- Testing availability;
- Wastewater Viral Load;
- Compliance by business owners and the public;
- Case investigation information – where are people being exposed?
Our goal:
A phased re-opening that is timed and managed to allow businesses to operate while managing risk to public health and our healthcare system, reducing the possibility for a need to re-introduce restrictions in the future, and allowing a sustained economic recovery.
Re-Opening Outreach Plans

• Joint Information Center creating resources and educational materials to guide individuals and employers throughout all phases

• Examples of communication strategies:
  – Short videos
  – Printable resources
  – Email communications through existing business listservs
  – Call center available and ready to answer FAQs
    • 406-548-0123 or callcenter@readygallatin.com
    • Weekly 8am – 5pm
Governor’s Re-Opening Timeline

- April 26 → Stay at Home Directive expires for individuals
- April 26 → Places of worship may operate with reduced capacity and strict physical distancing protocols
- April 27 → Stay at Home Directive expires for non-essential businesses
  - Non-food retail businesses, outdoor recreation, organized youth activities may become operational
  - Personal care/services may become operational with guidelines for additional health/safety precautions
- May 4 → Restaurants/bars can become operational
  - Strict physical distancing and reduced capacity protocols; patrons out by 11:30pm
- May 7 → Schools have option to re-open; decision lies with local school boards
Re-Opening Phase One – from Governor Bullock

• **Long Term Care Facilities** – continue to prohibit visitors; daily screening/monitoring for staff

• **Child care** – remain operational, but follow state/local guidelines on operational levels

• **Youth activities** – operational if physical distancing can be implemented

• **Restaurants/bars/breweries/distilleries/casinos** – can become operational after May 4, 2020 under strict physical distancing guidelines and reduced capacity; all patrons must be out by 11:30pm
Re-Opening Phase One – from Governor Bullock

- Retail non-food businesses – operational on or after April 27, 2020 with reduced capacity
- Gyms/pools/hot tubs – remain closed during phase 1
- Outdoor recreation – operational if sites adhere to physical distancing
- Places of worship – operational on/after April 26, 2020 with reduced capacity
- Places of assembly – remain closed during phase 1
Important for all Montanans

• The virus remains dangerous and widespread;
• Avoid groups of more than 10 people;
• Vulnerable individuals should continue to follow stay-at-home guidance and use great caution by avoiding groups and staying home whenever possible;
• If you are sick, stay home and call your doctor;
• Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly;
• Disinfect surfaces frequently;
• Use face coverings when social distancing is difficult.
All Business should plan for:

• Plan for ways to allow customers to practice social distancing (at least 6 feet)
  – Table spacing, eliminate indoor waiting areas;
• Implement employee self-monitoring plans to identify sick staff and require them to go home;
• Encouraging telework wherever feasible;
• Accommodate alternative work schedules to allow for better social distancing;
• Minimize non-essential travel
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