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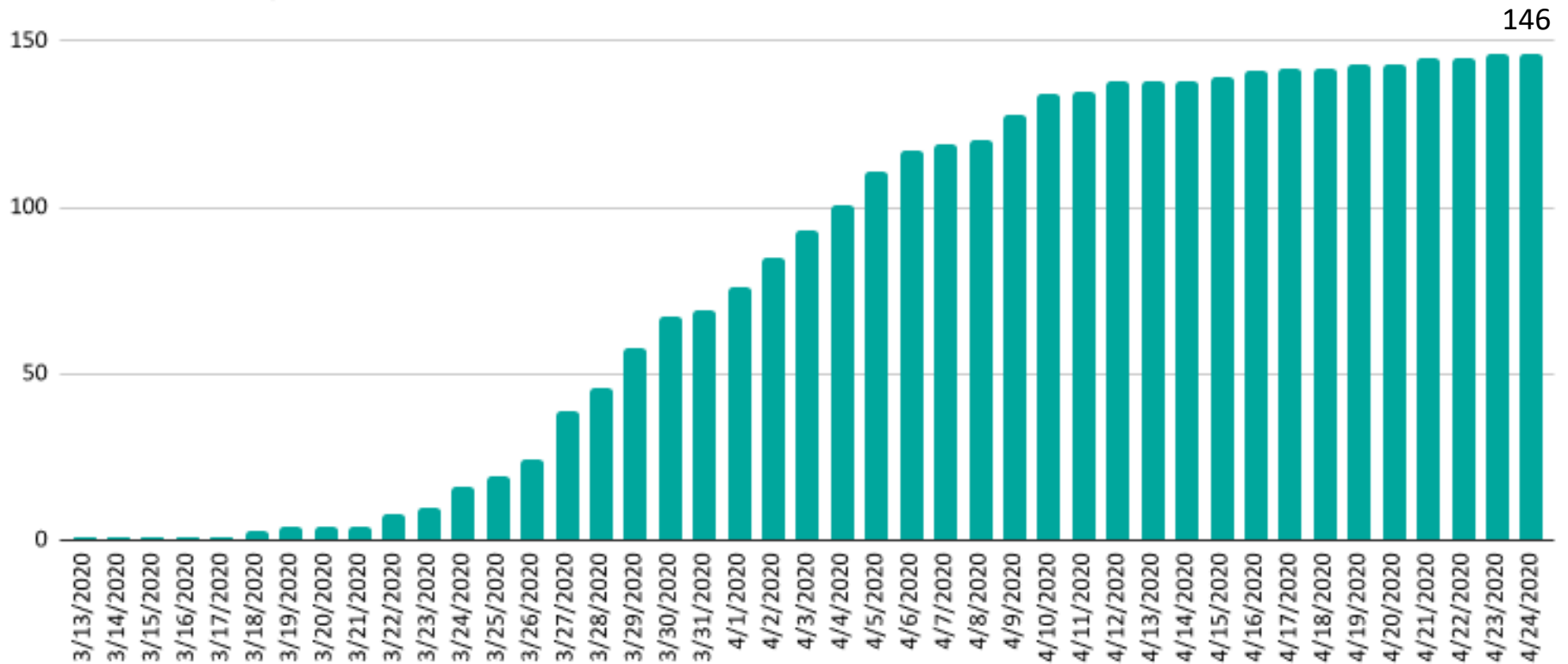
# Gallatin County COVID19 Update

April 24, 2020



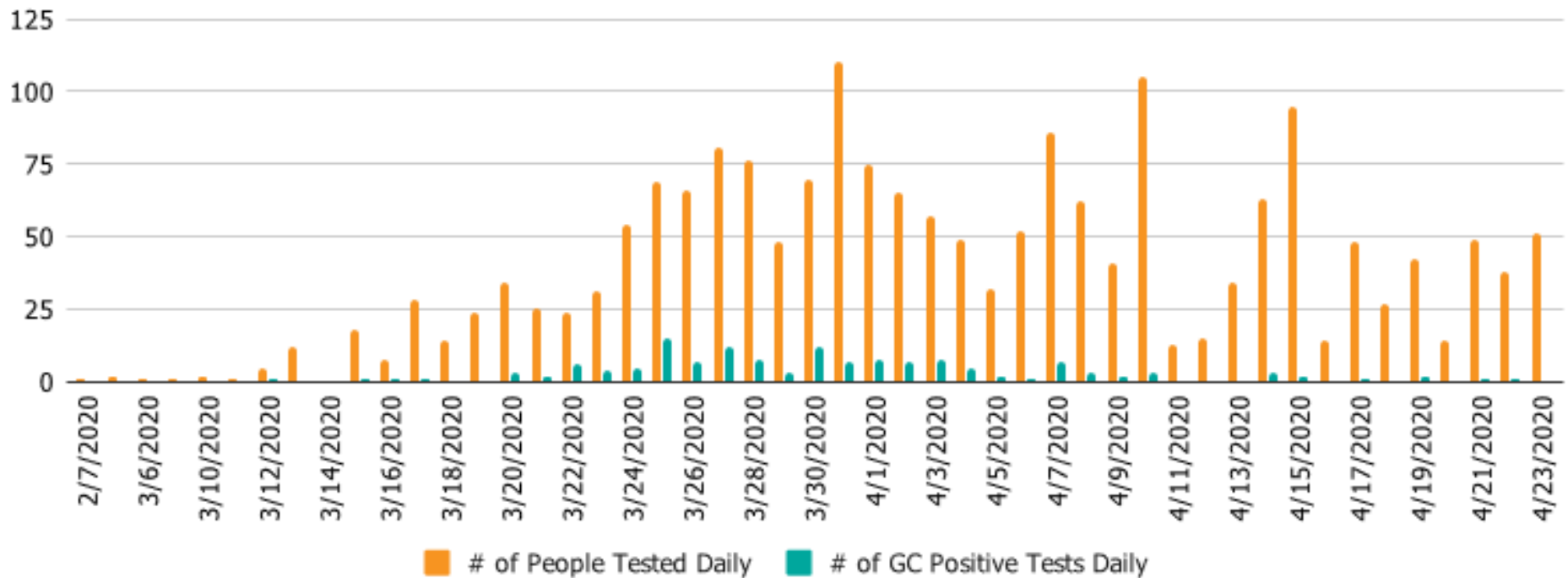
# COVID19 Cases – as of April 24, 2020

Gallatin County Cumulative Cases



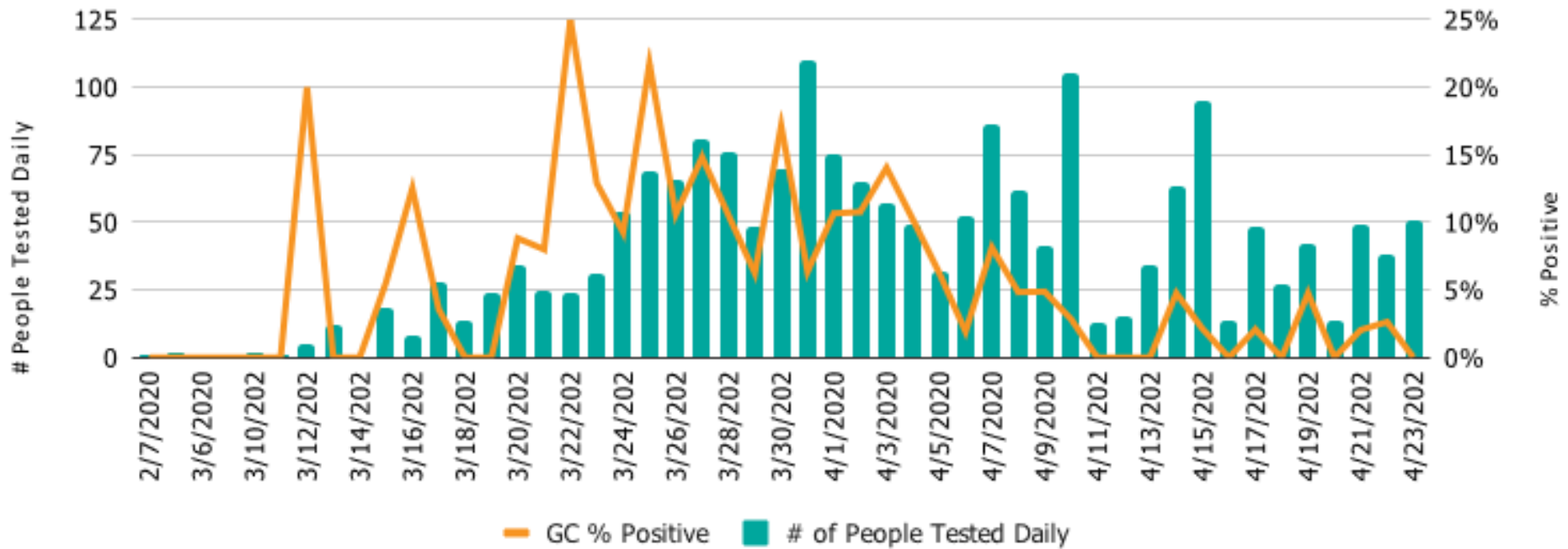
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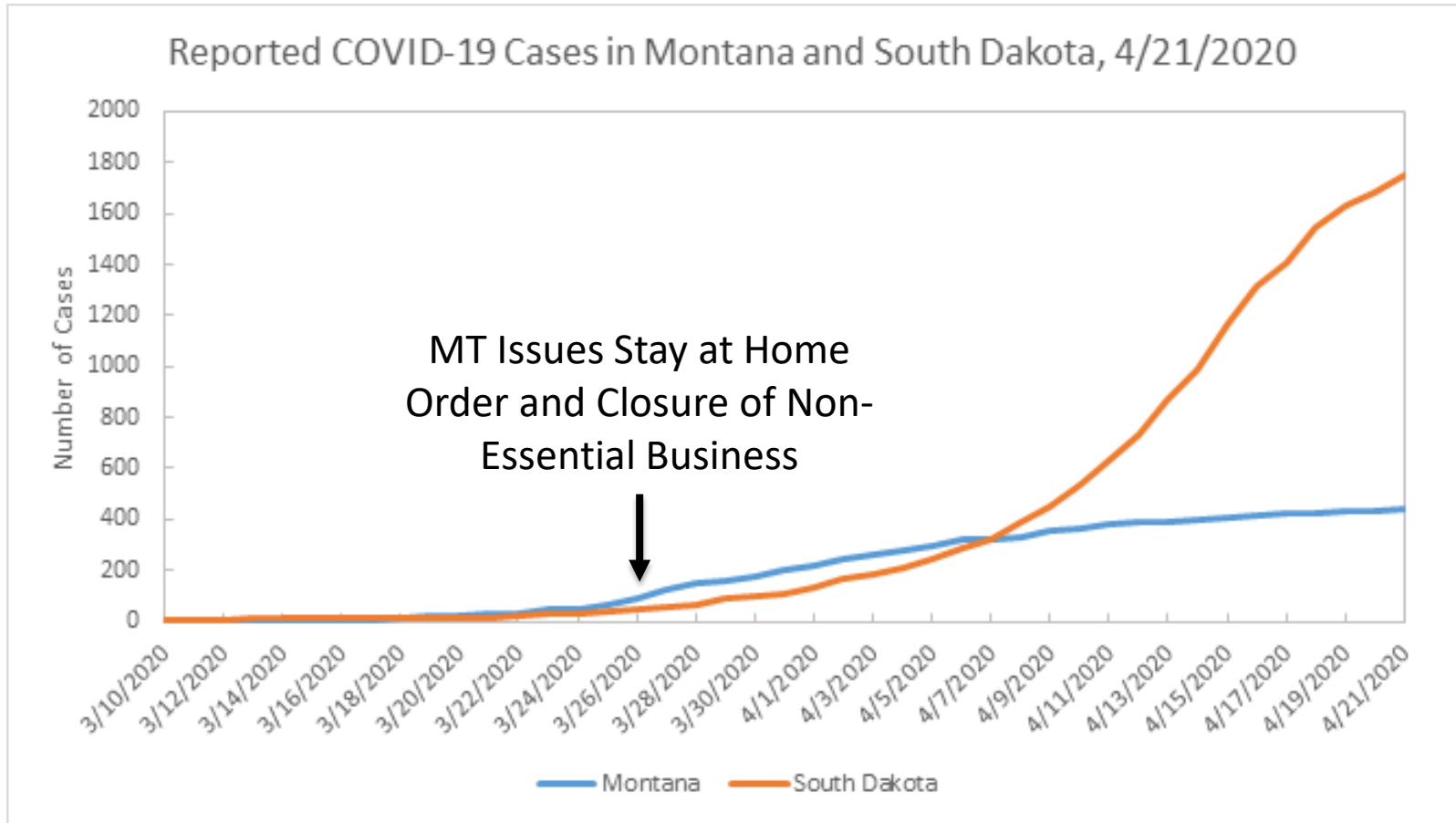


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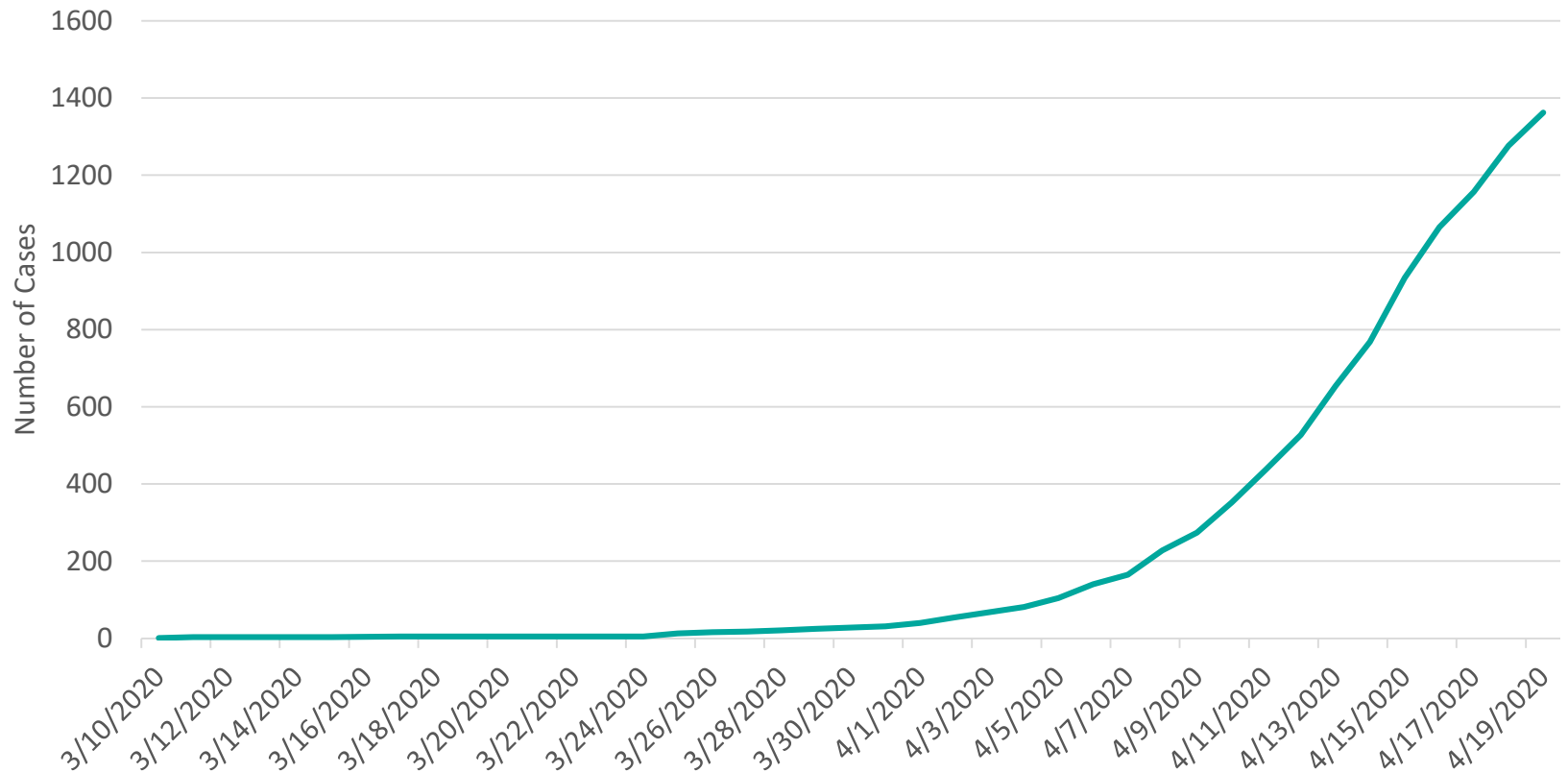


# Montana / South Dakota Comparison



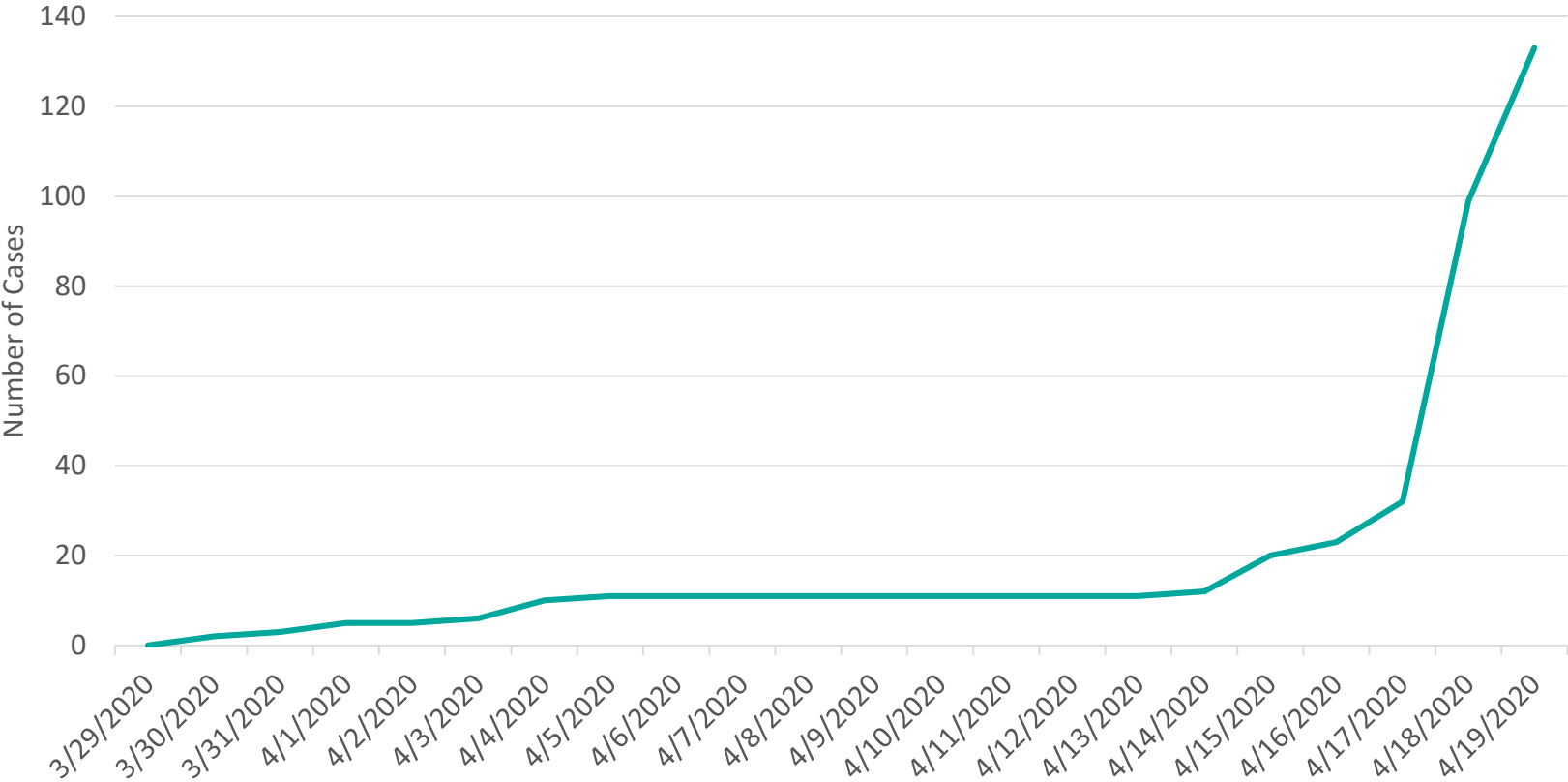
# Minnehaha County, SD

Reported COVID-19 Cases Minnehaha, ND 4/19/2020



# Grand Forks County, ND

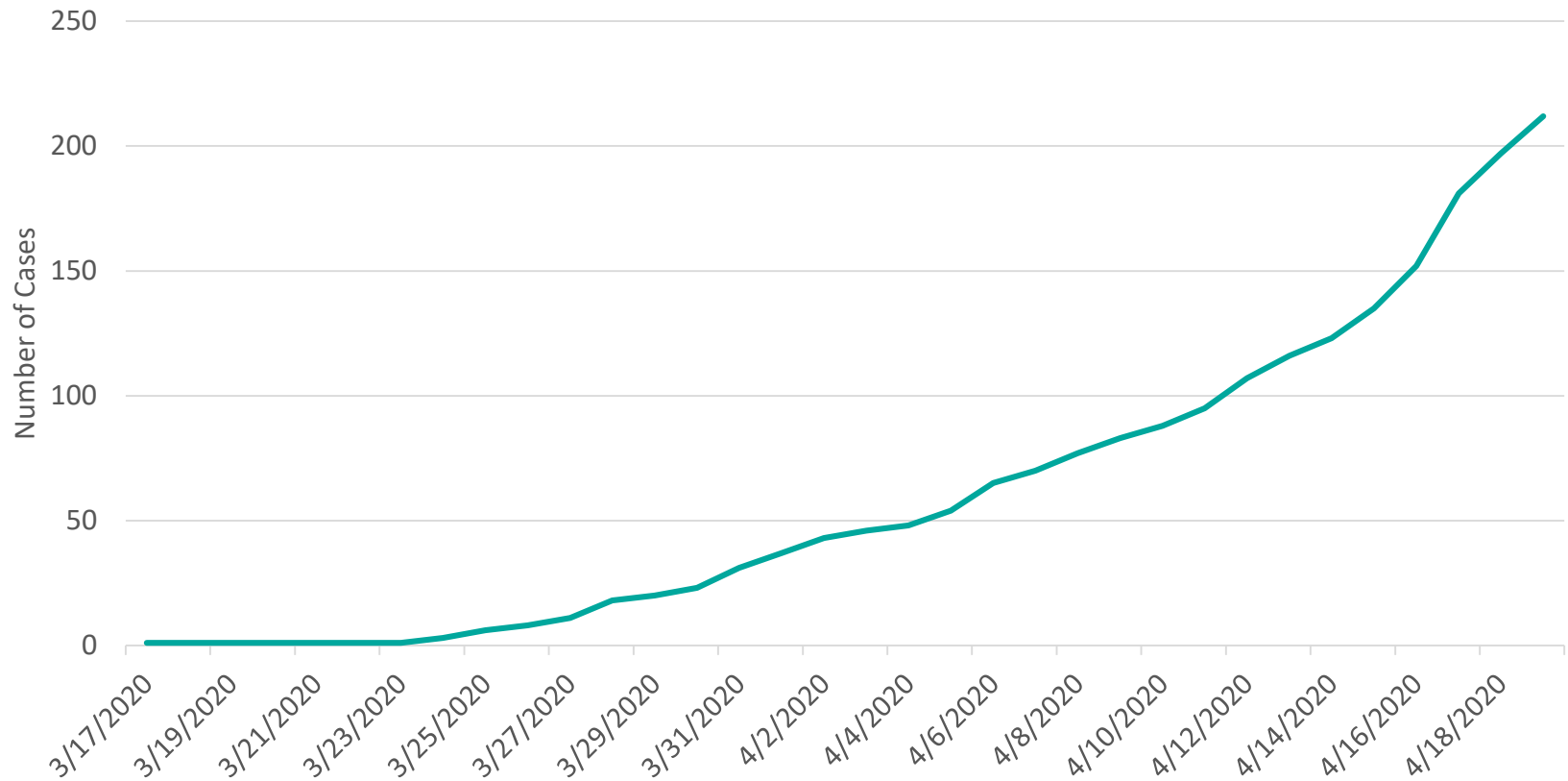
Reported COVID-19 Cases in Grand Forks County, ND 4/19/2020





# Cass County, ND

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



# Nursing Homes

- COVID19 in Nursing Homes Across the US
  - 4,700 nursing homes have cases
  - >50,000 total cases
  - >9,000 deaths
  - \*<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html>
- 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.*

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# 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](mailto: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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