

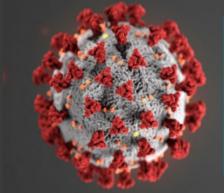
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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)



Montana public health authorities are responding to reported cases of COVID-19.

2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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For assistance, you may <u>Email</u> or call the Joint Information Center 1-888-333-0461

COVID-19 Testing Information for Providers

Testing is available 7 days a week

COVID-19 Testing Information for the Public

If you are a member of the public and are concerned about getting tested for COVID-19, please contact your primary care provider.

Montana state and local public health officials are monitoring the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) situation very closely. <u>Governor's Coronavirus Task Force</u>

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses, you can take simple steps to protect yourself and your family:

- Stay home if you're sick,
- Avoid contact with sick people when possible,
- Cover your cough and sneezes with the crook of your elbow or a tissue

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth and wash your hands frequently
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe

Call ahead to a healthcare professional if you develop a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as cough or difficulty breathing, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently traveled to an area with ongoing spread. Tell your healthcare professional about your recent travel or contact. Your healthcare professional will work with your state's public health department and CDC to determine if you need to be tested for COVID-19. Find out more at: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/steps-when-sick.html</u>

You can contact your <u>local county or tribal health department</u> for questions regarding COVID-19, testing or what may be occurring in your community.

Montana DPHHS COVID-19 public health monitoring and testing

Reported COVID-19 Cases in Montana
15*
Individuals monitored by public health
30
- Individuals who have completed monitoring process
28
- Individuals who remain under monitoring
2
Persons tested for COVID-19 by MTPHL**
947
- Persons with negative results
931
- Persons with positive results
16

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*One case reported to date is a part-time Montana resident with no documented exposures or close contacts in Montana, and was not tested in Montana.

**Testing numbers include only those tested at the Montana Public Health Laboratory (MTPHL) or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), but will include out-of-state residents tested at MTPHL.

Persons tested includes:

- those who have symptoms of concern AND may have traveled to an area experiencing community transmission, OR

- are symptomatic and a close contact to a known or suspected case in the past 14 days, OR

- are exhibiting symptoms of a compatible illness without other cause after medical examination.

Patients tested may not have been under monitoring at the time of testing.





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