

**CORONAVIRUS
COVID-19 EMS
RESPONSE**

CURRENT STATUS in MONTANA

- **Reported COVID-19 Cases in Montana 12***
- Individuals monitored by public health 30
- Individuals who have completed monitoring process 26
- Individuals who remain under monitoring 4
- Persons tested for COVID-19 by MTPHL **773
- Persons with negative results 761
- Persons with positive results 12

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/coronavirusmt>

CURRENT STATUS

- Gallatin, Missoula, Yellowstone, Broadwater, Butte/Silverbow COVID-19 positive cases
- Schools are closed throughout the state
- Many local health departments have required closure or limited operations of restaurants, bars, casinos and gatherings of more than 20 people
- Events have been canceled throughout the state and the nation
- Many people are out of work due to closures

EMS STATUS

- Majority of air medical suppliers are not currently accepting flights of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients
- PPE is in short supply
- Very limited surge capacity
- Provider expiration date fast approaching
- Many classes have been canceled

EMS & TS RESPONSE

- Juvare – eResource – Bryan Tavary
- Staffing Waiver
- PPE Distribution - PHEP
- COVID-19 Screening form
- COVID-19 information added to webpage
- GoToMeeting education will be available soon
- Healthcare Coalitions – Rob Farnum

NREMT

- NREMT – extended the March 31, 2020 expiration date to June 30, 2020
- NREMT – Removed the distributive education limits
- If you have completed your requirements please recert on time
- ECP cognitive testing is currently unavailable due to Pearson View shut down temp. closure
- NREMT is working on a solution for testing – please stand by

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- Recertification
- Testing
- Q & A

PPE RECOMMENDATIONS

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-for-ems.html>
- Facemask are an acceptable alternative to respirators until the supply chain is restored. Respirators should be prioritized for highest exposure risk procedures.
- Gown
- Gloves
- Eye Protection

CDC RECOMMENDATIONS

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-for-ems.html>
- Patient Assessment guidelines
- Procedure precautions
- Transport guidelines
- Documentation
- Vehicle Cleaning guidelines
- Follow up and reporting guidelines

Please use the CDC website!

DOCUMENTATION

- ImageTrend Coronavirus worksheet added
- Printed screening tool available on website
- New Provider primary/secondary impressions added

COVID-19 – Confirmed by testing

COVID-19 – Exposure to confirmed patient

COVID-19 – Suspected – No Known Exposure

Where applicable, be sure to also document the reason for encounter (signs/symptoms such as Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath

Other Available Resources

- EMS & TS Webpage
- <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/emsts>
- Please send us other tools and policies for addition to the page.

County Health Department

- <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/FCSS/countytribalhealthdepts>
- Make sure you are communicating with your County Health Department
- EMS needs to be in the County Health Department plan for transport of patients
- Resource for information and possible PPE

911 PSAP

- Municipalities and local EMS authorities should coordinate with state and local public health, PSAPs, and other emergency call centers to determine need for modified caller queries about COVID-19.
- Dispatch should tell responding agencies of a possible PUI.
- EMS & TS has dispatch criteria available for PSAPs.

Questions