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# Montana Coronavirus (COVID-19) Executive Taskforce Situation Update

**Montana State Emergency Coordination Center: ACTIVATED**

## Summary of National Activity

- Public Health Emergency declared on January 27, 2020
- All States have the ability to test for COVID-19
- 43 States with confirmed cases (including District of Columbia)
- 1215 Total Reported Cases
- 36 Deaths

Source: [CDC COVID-19 at a Glance](#) (Updated from March 11, 2020 data)

## Summary of Montana Activity

- Governor Bullock issues executive order declaring a State of Emergency
- Governor Bullock created the COVID-19 Taskforce on March 3, 2020
- Activated the Montana Emergency Response Framework and the Emergency Support Function
- Provide support to DPHHS response and planning efforts
- Established Joint Information Center for state agency information coordination
- Established a Joint Information Center
- Montana DPHHS continues to monitor supplies and equipment needs
- Activating of Continuity of Operations Annexes with COVID-19 considerations.

## Plans Implemented

- [Montana Emergency Response Framework \(MERF\)](#)
- [ESF #8 \(Public Health and Medical\)](#)
- [DPHHS Emergency Operations Plan \(EOP\)](#)
- [Communicable Disease Annex to the DPHHS EOP](#)
- [Pandemic Influenza Annex to the DPHHS EOP](#)

## To Help Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

- Stay home if you're sick
- Cover your cough, and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects.
- For more helpful hints please visit the [MT DPHHS COVID-19 webpage](#)

## New Guidance, Policy's, Plans, Procedures or other documents

- Information Sheet to Local DES Coordinators March 12, 2020
- County and Tribal Guidance for Continuity distributed March 12, 2020
- Agency Guidance for Continuity Message to Directors March 6

## Recent Dept. of Public Health and Human Services Health Alert Network Messaging

- March 11, 2020: Situation Update with presumptive positive case, changes to CDC definition of patient under investigation, updated PPE recommendations.
- March 9, 2020: Situation update, including recommendations and contact information for public health and healthcare. Including contact information for different areas of concern.
- March 7, 2020: Situation update, including epidemiology and laboratory update

**Montana is reporting one case of COVID-19. The patient acquired the illness outside of Montana and has not returned to the state since becoming ill.**

Reported COVID-19 Cases in Montana	1*
Persons tested for COVID-19*	55
- Persons with negative results	55
- Persons with positive results	0

**\*The one case reported to date is a Montana resident with travel-associated illness and no documented exposures or close contacts in Montana.**

\*\*Persons tested include those have symptoms of concern and have a travel history, or close contact with a suspected case, or are exhibiting symptoms of a compatible illness without outer cause after medical examination.

Persons tested may not have been under monitoring at the time of testing.  
Visit <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/coronavirusmt> for the most update information from DPHHS.