



### Current Regulations in Montana

Because we are experiencing a rapidly changing situation, regulations may also change frequently.

#### COVID-19 Cases as of March 30, 2020

State	Number of Cases	Deaths	Recovered
Minnesota	576	10	134
Montana	171	4	0
North Dakota	109	2	19
Oregon	606	16	0
South Dakota	101	1	34
Washington	4,896	202	420
<b>United States</b>	<b>163,479</b>	<b>3,148</b>	<b>5,506</b>



#### What the Montana Laws are saying

<b>Physical Distancing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Physical distancing</b> is also sometimes called “social distancing.” Physical distancing is deliberately increasing the space between people to avoid spreading illness. Stay at least <b>two meters/six feet</b> (visualize two arm-lengths) away from other people to lessen your chances of catching COVID-19.</li> </ul>
<b>Self-Isolation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Self-isolation</b> means staying home and avoiding other people when you could make them sick. This is necessary to curb the spread of illness. This ensures that your loved ones will not get sick and spread the illness.</li> </ul>
<b>Stay at Home Directive</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A <i>Stay at Home</i> directive was issued by the Office of the Governor and came into effect statewide on March 28, 2020:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All individuals currently living within the State of Montana are directed to stay at home or at their place of residence to the greatest extent possible. People may leave their homes or place of residence only for essential activities or to operate essential businesses and operations. More information below.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Events:</b> Lehr und Gebet Communal Meals Essenschuel Sonntagschuel Choir Practices Funerals Other Gatherings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All cherished events are affected by state orders. Please think about how these are affected.</li> <li>▪ Remember, these regulations are meant to be <b>temporary</b>.</li> <li>▪ At greatest risk are those with <i>respiratory illnesses, severe asthma, serious heart conditions, severe obesity, diabetes</i>, and other illnesses that compromise immune systems.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Essential Activities Permitted</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The <i>Stay at Home</i> directive makes allowances for leaving your home for certain activities. The following activities have been identified as “essential.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Health and Safety Exemption:</b> Permitted activities include seeking emergency services, obtaining medical supplies or medication, or doctors appointments.</li> <li>• <b>Supplies and Services Exemption:</b> You may obtain necessary services or supplies for yourself and your family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others. These include groceries and food, household consumer products, supplies you need to work from home, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.</li> <li>• <b>Outdoor Exemption:</b> You may engage in outdoor activity such as walking, hiking, running, or biking. Maintain six-foot physical distancing at all times.</li> <li>• <b>Caring for Others Exemption:</b> The Directive allows for the caring of family members, friends, or pets in other households. Also, you may transport family members, friends, or pets as necessary.</li> <li>• See Essential Work Exemptions below.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Workplaces:</b> Manufacturing Barns Shops</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The <i>Stay at Home</i> directive effectively requires all non-essential businesses to close.</li> <li>▪ Agricultural or food-producing businesses are considered essential and remain open.</li> <li>▪ Manufacturing that qualifies as critical may remain open. Critical manufacturing has a wide scope and manufacturers are responsible to find out if they qualify as essential.</li> <li>▪ Communities that engage in trucking, may want to consider living arrangements that minimize or eliminate the truck driver’s contact with vulnerable people in their communities.</li> <li>▪ <b>Social Distancing Requirements for Essential Businesses and Operations.</b> Operations must take proactive measures to ensure compliance with social distancing requirements, including where possible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Designate six-foot distances</b> between employees and customers. Designation must be clearly marked by appropriate signage, tape, or by other means.</li> <li>• <b>Hand sanitizer and sanitizing products</b> must be readily available for employees and customers.</li> <li>• <b>Separate operating hours</b> must be established for vulnerable populations such as seniors, and vulnerable customers.</li> <li>• <b>Online and remote access alerts</b> should be posted online so that customers know whether a facility is open and how best to reach the facility. As much as possible, services should be continued by phone or remotely.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Schools, Gyms, and Klanaschuel</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To limit the spread of COVID-19 across communities, all public and private schools are prohibited from conducting in-person educational, recreational, and other K-12 school programs using their school facilities until at least April 10.</li> <li>▪ While classroom lessons are suspended, it is expected that schools will implement a variety of measures to ensure continued learning for students.</li> <li>▪ For the safety of our children, they should be instructed in physical distancing.</li> <li>▪ Community gyms and outdoor play structures should be closed.</li> </ul>

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