



## State Emergency Coordination Center (SECC)

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### **SECC Situation Report for April 28, 2021**

(Information as of 3:00 pm on 4/28/2021)

#### **Executive Summary:**

The SECC is at a Level 4 – Limited Activation due to limited SECC staff monitoring response activities for COVID-19.

#### **Current COVID-19 Situation:**

The 2021 MT Search and Rescue Rendezvous will be held in Missoula, MT from May 17-23. The Rendezvous is an opportunity for search and rescue team members to network and gain skills through various courses. Find more information and register at: [https://DMADES.formstack.com/forms/sar\\_rendezvous\\_2021](https://DMADES.formstack.com/forms/sar_rendezvous_2021)

Local public health departments are working closely with vaccination providers in each community to deliver COVID-19 vaccine. Currently, supplies of vaccine are limited. Click [here](#) to view the specific sites to view the availability in your area. This information may change frequently.

As of April 28, 2021, there have been 697,507 COVID-19 vaccination doses administered and 315,296 Montanans fully immunized. For most up-to-date information [click here](#). County Vaccine information are updated every Monday, between 10:00 and 11:30 AM.

As of April 28, 2021, there have been 108,489 total confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Montana. 1,567 fatalities have now occurred as a result of COVID-19. The Montana COVID-19 response map is updated daily, between 10:00 and 11:30 AM. Testing numbers include those tested at the Montana Public Health Laboratory (MTPHL), private labs, or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Private laboratories include reference laboratories and those in smaller hospital labs performing point-of-care testing. For the most up-to-date information [click here](#).

To get the latest updates on the Novel Coronavirus in Montana refer to the links below:

- Governor's Coronavirus Task Force: <https://covid19.mt.gov/>
- Current Health Alert Network (HAN) Update Link: [HAN](#)

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

FEMA has announced that the COVID Funeral Assistance registration process opened on Monday, April 12. Registrations will be taken by staff at a call center established specifically for this assistance. The call-center numbers and operating hours are as follows:

**(844) 684-6333, (800) 462-7585 for TTY**  
**Available Monday-Friday, 7 am to 7 pm Mountain Time**

The [FEMA.gov \[fema.gov\]](https://www.fema.gov) webpage for Funeral Assistance has been updated with this information at the link:  
[https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance \[fema.gov\]](https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance)

On April 5, 2021, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released the [interim policy \[fema.gov\]](https://www.fema.gov) *Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Safe Opening and Operation Work Eligible for Public Assistance*.

The *COVID-19 Pandemic: Safe Opening and Operation Work Eligible for Public Assistance (Interim)* policy defines the framework, policy details, and requirements for determining the eligibility of safe opening and operation work and costs under the Public Assistance Program. It applies to safe opening and operation work conducted from **January 21, 2021, through September 30, 2021**, notwithstanding Section C.3. of:

[FEMA Policy COVID-19 Pandemic: Work Eligible for Public Assistance \(Interim\) \[fema.gov\]](https://www.fema.gov) effective September 15, 2020. Assistance for eligible costs will be provided at 100 percent federal funding.

The National Multi-Agency Coordination Center at NIFC moved to National Preparedness Level 2 at 6 pm on April 1<sup>st</sup>. More information can be found here: <https://www.nifc.gov/fire-information/nfn>

### **Weather Forecast:**

Clear skies overnight were replaced by mostly cloudy skies from the northwest with the approach of a weak cool front. Low temperatures early this morning are ranging from the lower 30s to lower 40s. Winds are generally light and variable. This brief, passing, weak cool front today will bring mostly cloudy skies and temperatures just a bit cooler than yesterday, but still wonderfully comfortable for this time of year. A few isolated rain showers will be possible northern North Dakota. Expect high temperatures in the 60s. Winds will be from the northwest at 20 to 25 mph. Tonight through the rest of this work week, a strong ridge of high pressure will build into the region from the west. This will bring very dry conditions and high temperatures climbing into the 80s. By Friday, relative humidity values dropping into the lower teens, and west winds of 25 to 30 mph and higher gusts will result in dangerous fire weather conditions.

<b>*The SECC Level:</b>	<b>4-Limited Activation</b>
<b>**Northern Rockies Preparedness Level:</b>	<b>1-Normal Operations</b>
<b>**National Preparedness Level:</b>	<b>2-High Fire Danger</b>
* On a scale of 1-5 with one indicating the highest demand on the SECC, five indicating normal daily operations	
** On a scale of 1-5 with one indicating most resources are available, five indicating significant resource shortages	

**Situation & Information Links:** [MTDES Facebook](#) [MT DES Twitter](#) [Instagram](#)

*For further information, click on the links under sources.*

<b>Activity/Hazard</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Sources</b>
<b>Current Large Incidents/Events</b>	COVID-19	<a href="#">Web EOC</a>
<b>Priority Events</b>	COVID-19	
<b>Current State Emergency/Disaster Declarations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EO 2-2021 – Governor’s Executive Order declaring that a state of emergency exists in Montana due to the global outbreak of COVID-19.</li> <li>EO 3-2021 – Governor’s Executive Order repealing Executive Order 15-2018.</li> <li>EO 4-2021 – Governor’s Executive Order declaring an energy emergency</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Executive Orders</a>
<b>Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)</b>	No New Missions	
<b>Emergency Support Function (ESF) Partner Engagement</b>	COVID-19 Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Human Health and Services</li> </ul>	
<b>Current Recovery Operations</b>	No New Missions	
<b>Shelter/Mass Care (MT DPHHS)</b>	No Open Shelters	
<b>Current Tribal/Local Emergency/ Disaster Declarations</b>	There have been 55 counties, 7 tribes, and 65 cities and towns that have declared an emergency for COVID-19. On December 22, 2020, Flathead County has rescinded their COVID-19 emergency declaration.	
<b>SECC Resource Requests/Deployments</b>	SECC Resource Requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SECC Support – 2</li> <li>IT Support – 2</li> <li>GIS Specialist – 2</li> <li>National Guard Support – 128</li> </ul>	

<b>Air Quality (MT DEQ)</b>	<b>No Known Impacts</b>	<a href="#">MT DEQ Air Quality Map Display</a>
<b>Drought</b>	<p>The following counties have been reported as having areas as SEVERELY DRY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carter</li> <li>• Daniels</li> <li>• Dawson</li> <li>• Fallon</li> <li>• McCone</li> <li>• Richland</li> <li>• Roosevelt</li> <li>• Valley</li> <li>• Wibaux</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Montana County Drought Status Map</a>  <a href="#">United States Drought Monitor</a>
<b>Search &amp; Rescue (MT DES)</b>	<b>No New Missions</b>	
<b>Water/Wastewater (MT DPHHS &amp; DEQ)</b>	<b>No Known Impacts</b>	
<b>Energy (MT DEQ)</b>	<b>No Known Impacts</b>	<a href="#">NWE Power Outages</a>  <a href="#">Mission Valley Flathead Electric</a>
<b>Other Critical Infrastructure</b>	<b>No Known Impacts</b>	
<b>Medical/Critical Care Facilities (MT DPHHS)</b>	<b>DPHHS has created a Montana specific web page for state updates as well as links to CDC topics:</b>	<a href="#">Covid19.mt.gov</a>
<b>Communications</b>	<b>No Known Impacts</b>	
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>No Known Impacts</b>	<a href="#">MDT TRAVEL</a>
<b>Weather National Weather Service</b>	<p><b>For weather updates, click on the links below or to the right.</b></p> <p><a href="#">Billings</a>    <a href="#">Glasgow</a>    <a href="#">Great Falls</a>    <a href="#">Missoula</a></p>	<a href="#">Montana All- Hazard HYPERLINK</a>

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For more information about a specific incident or occurrence, please contact the primary responsible state agency Emergency Support Function (ESF) as outlined in the *State of Montana Emergency Response Framework (MERF)* or the responsible authority having jurisdiction of the incident or occurrence. Incident-specific information web portals are posted through-out the activity tables.