



An Update from us on COVID-19 - March 25, 2020

Each day, information evolves about Coronavirus Disease 19 (COVID-19). At the Town, we want our citizens and visitors to know that we are working to reduce the spread of this disease in our community, continue to provide critical Town services, and address impacts of closures of schools, business and events.

Governor Announces Statewide Extensions to School & Business Closures

Yesterday Governor Steve Bullock took additional action to increase social distancing efforts in his [public address](#). He signed a statewide order that extends the closure of public schools and on-premise businesses through April 10. Social distancing requirements were placed on all businesses as well. [Read the Governor's full directive here.](#)

There is a list of [resources for workers and businesses](#) available on the Town's website.

Stay in the Know

The Town wants to ensure citizens stay informed about this evolving situation. For daily updates and official information follow [Town of Stevensville - Municipal Government](#) on Facebook and www.townofstevensville.com/covid19

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Social Distancing and Town Operations

You can be assured that the Town will continue to provide critical public services under the social distancing orders issued by Gov. Steve Bullock.

"Your Town is here for you," says Mayor Brandon Dewey. "We will continue to provide the essential Town services you need now and in the coming weeks. I want to thank our Town employees for their dedication to our community during this challenging time."

Public safety response, delivery of clean drinking water, wastewater treatment, and management of the street system will continue as usual. The Town's parks, open spaces, and trails remain accessible for mental and physical health, while practicing social distancing and following CDC guidelines.

"We love that our community can find a reprieve in the outdoors during this challenging time," says Monica Hoffman, the Town's Clerk. "We just ask that people follow the guidelines on social distancing and slowing the spread, and to please be courteous to one another and our treasured parks."

Many Town services can be access over the phone or online, including customer service support, permit applications, code enforcement complaints, and more. Citizens can call 406-777-5271 or go online to townofstevensville.com to be directed to services. A full list of service changes is found on the [Town's website](#).

Mental Health During a Pandemic

If you are feeling helpless and worried, you are not alone. The Montana Department of Health has these tips for managing stress during this unprecedented event.

- **Connect!** It's our relationships that will see us through this. Find a way to invest in those important relationships from at least 6 feet away. Skype, Facetime, Zoom or just talk on the phone. Video chatting is fun! You feel like a techno-wiz and you can see your friend and their pets and kids and make each other smile!
 - **Take care of yourself.** The old fashioned way — with nourishing foods, lots of sleep, deep breaths, and exercise. Exercise is especially good for your mental health. Unplug from social media.
 - **Focus on anything else.** Clean, cook, garden, sing, play games, create, read, write. Do whatever it takes to allow your mind to focus on the parts of your life that bring you energy and joy!
 - **Know when to call for help.** If you continue to feel overwhelmed and struggle to get through the day, call your health care provider, therapist or mental health provider and set up a telemedicine appointment.
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