



An Update from us on COVID-19 - March 27, 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 Stay Home Directive

Yesterday Governor Steve Bullock took additional action to increase social distancing efforts in his [public address](#). He signed a statewide order that requires everyone in the state to stay home. The order begins March 28; will last for two weeks and could be extended. [Read the Governor's full directive here.](#)

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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"Stay Home" and Town Operations

You can be assured that the Town will continue to provide critical public services under the Stay Home directive issued by Gov. Steve Bullock. On March 28, the Town will move into Phase 2 of it's [services continuity plan](#).

"Your Town is here for you," says Mayor Brandon Dewey. "Although the delivery will look different, we remain committed to providing the essential Town services you need now and in the coming weeks."

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. Playgrounds will be closed, however.

Building inspection services will be suspended and some Town employees will telework or see modifications to their schedule.

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](#).**

How will the Stay Home Directive be Enforced

The Stevensville Police Department's primary role in supporting Governor Bullock's stay at home order is to help educate the community about how to comply. We are not being asked to detain, arrest or ticket those outside compliance. **Our intent is to help Stevensville residents by educating them on how to keep themselves safe, how to keep their families safe and how to keep the rest of the community safe.**

We understand some people need to carry out essential tasks such as securing food, water, medical care, and gas. When officers encounter people not complying with the stay at home order, we will remind them, as appropriate, of the recommendations and restrictions. No law enforcement agency has any desire to make arrests for violations.

The **Stevensville Police Department is counting on everyone to self-regulate and to encourage friends and neighbors to do the same.** Self-regulating and heeding the governor's order will allow our police to continue its strong focus on crime prevention and public safety. Rest assured that the **Stevensville Police Department will continue to serve in a professional and compassionate manner.**



Brandon E. Dewey
Mayor, Town of Stevensville

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