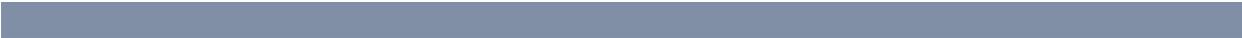




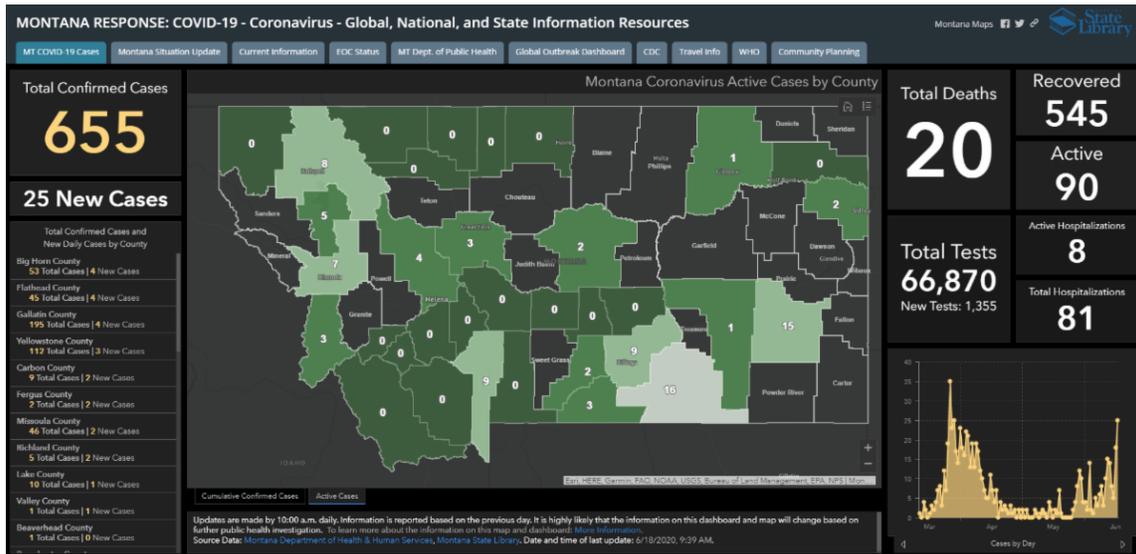
## COVID-19 Community Update - June 18, 2020

*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. For the most recent and local data on cases and outcomes, visit [townofstevensville.com/covid19](http://townofstevensville.com/covid19)*



### Montana State COVID-19 Data

Each county's status is available on this [interactive dashboard](#).



## What's New with Face Coverings

The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** recommends wearing **cloth face coverings in public settings**, when physical distancing is difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies). Researchers are learning more about COVID-19 every day, including that some people can unknowingly spread the virus to others before they have symptoms or spread the virus to others without ever having symptoms. This is why maintaining physical distancing from others is effective in slowing the spread of COVID-19. **Now that businesses are slowly starting to open as part of Governor Bullocks Reopening the Big Sky plan, it will be increasingly difficult to maintain 6-feet of distance from others**, especially in indoor public places. Wearing a cloth face covering can help slow the spread of COVID-19 in these instances.



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## Your Town at Work

The Town of Stevensville is committed to providing essential services to the public while also making it a top priority to protect the health and **safety of our citizens**. The Town continues to follow the direction of the Ravalli County Health Department, and the State of Montana in relation to the COVID-19 health outbreak.

With the release of [Governor Bullock's phased reopening plan](#), the Town has implemented protocols to ensure the safety of citizens and staff while the community reopens and recovers from the effects of COVID-19. Modification to facilities have been completed and plans for sanitation of public areas are being implemented to satisfy the guidelines of Governor Bullock's re-opening directives.

In-person Town Council Meetings resumed on Thursday, June 4th. Although these meetings are limited in capacity to ensure physical distancing and the safety of attendees, Mayor Brandon Dewey has worked with the North Valley Public Library to utilize their community room which doubles the space available compared to Town Hall. More details about meetings are [available on our website](#).

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## Boredom Buster: Summer Reading Program

[Summer Reading](#) at North Valley Public Library makes it easy and fun to keep up with your child's reading skills while on summer vacation.

Complete an early literacy activity sheet with your child this summer and earn a fabulous prize!



## On the Bright Side

North Valley Public Library curbside pick-up and returns means there are more books for you to choose from! [Visit the North Valley Library website today!](#)

## Stevensville Business Relief Fund

Project59870 has created the Stevensville Business Relief Fund to raise money to distribute as grants to **Stevensville businesses that need a little help due to the challenges of staying viable during the COVID-19 pandemic.** Since Stevensville no longer has a business advocacy group, Project59870 has stepped up to help.



Project59870 is a 501 (c)(3) established to facilitate and support projects that preserve and enhance the general health, safety, welfare and quality of life of the residents of the greater Stevensville area, zip code 59870, through facilitation and funding to worthy groups and individuals. Project59870 loves everything about our small town including and because of all our small businesses. **To one degree or another they need our support** right now.

To-date over \$11,000 has been raised with \$10,500 of requests from Stevensville businesses fulfilled. Funding remains available for businesses who need assistance.

Visit the [Town's website](#) to learn more, make a donation, or apply for funds.

## Community Resources for Families and Children

The COVID-19 pandemic presents challenges for everyone and it can take an extreme toll on families. We are concerned about the possibility of domestic violence and other emergency situations. There is help.

### SAFE 24hr Helpline

SAFE's **24 hour domestic violence helpline, 406-363-4600**, will remain available for you to call at any time. This is the best number for you to contact if you need someone to talk to immediately. Through the helpline, confidential advocates are available to contact if you or someone you know has questions or concerns about intimate partner domestic violence at any time. **If it is safe to do so**, you can also reach **confidential advocates** via **email** at [safe@safeinthebitterroot.com](mailto:safe@safeinthebitterroot.com).



### Providence Mental Health

If you are feeling additional stress and anxiety, you are not alone. **Providence Mental Health Crisis Management has resources available for assistance.** Mental health professionals are conducting intake assessments, clinical appointments and medication management appointments by phone during normal business hours. To schedule an appointment call 406-327-3034.

**If you are in crisis and need to speak to a mental health clinician immediately, please call the 24/7 Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255.**

### 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](http://www.townofstevensville.com/covid19)

For Ravalli County case data, visit <https://ravalli.us/631/Corona-Virus-COVID-19>

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