

## Live Stream Questions 4/09/2020

Q. Did they say 3 in carbon?

A. On April 9, 2020 there were three confirmed cases of COVID 19 in Carbon County.

Q. So all 3 got it out of the county?

A. The first three cases were believed to be infected from outside of the county. Please see the video at approximately 7 and 12 minutes.

Q. I think residents should get more info from county officials. We should know if the 2nd case was community spread, or they were a contact of the first case. We should also know how long these people were out in the community before they were tested positive.

A. Please see Dr. George's Comments about information on individual cases at approximately 10 minutes in.

Q. Can we travel within the state?

A. Travel is limited to essential travel only. We can currently travel within the state as long as that travel is considered essential. Please see the Governor's directive for what is considered essential. There is the possibility that you will get stopped to inquire about travel. We do not know about other counties in the state that may have more restrictive travel guidelines. Please try to limit your travel as much as possible.

Q. How is traveling within the state different from traveling out of state if you travel to an area where there are more cases of COVID-19 than we have here?

A. A good question, at this time, it is because the state of Montana has special restrictions that apply to those coming across state lines. We do not have similar restrictions within the state's borders.

Q. Is anyone getting pulled over while driving?

A. We will have to check with Law enforcement to answer this question about travel in Carbon county.

Q. I think the Beartooth Pass should remain closed until mid-summer. I'm concerned about the impact on the Red Lodge Community if there are hundreds of skiers coming to ski the headwall; especially, those that would be coming from Gallatin County.

A. Please see Dr. George's Comments about travel at approximately 27 & 30 minutes

Q. Does our community have sufficient PPE? And I mean the healthcare community.

A. Dr. George and T. Kohley answered this at approximately 32 minutes in. The healthcare community is ok on PPE right now for the current needs. We are actively pursuing additional PPE in case the need increases. The county has been able to acquire PPE for law enforcement first responders.

Q. CDC guidance on wearing masks in public

A. Please see video at about 37 minutes in and the following information from the CDC

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

Q. Yes or no to gloves?

A. Gloves are also good to consider as long as you remember that as soon as you touch something, they should be considered to be contaminated and therefore you should still not touch your face, etc. The possibility of cross contamination still exists with gloves, so they should be removed before touching other surfaces. Regardless of whether you wear gloves or not, you should still wash your hands thoroughly and practice all other precautions. The CDC has not made the suggestion that people wear gloves in public in the same way that they have suggested cloth face masks be worn.

Q. Also Important to wear eye coverage.

A. Thanks for the reminder. Eye protection is also a good idea where practical but should not be a replacement for keeping a distance from others. Sunglasses and eyeglasses may provide some protection. Eye protection that covers the whole eye is obviously better. The CDC has not made the suggestion that people wear eye protection in public in the same way that they have suggested cloth face masks be worn.

Q. Has it been determined that you CANNOT be reinfected after recovering?

A. It has not been determined that you can not be re-infected with the SARS 2 CoVID-19 virus after contracting it. However, with other similar viruses, immunity has been obtained after infection. Please see the following CDC webpage for more information on re-infection:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-guidance-management-patients.html>

Q. Are you able to put a patient on a ventilator in our local hospital or do they need to be transferred to Billings?

A. Beartooth Billings Clinic can stabilize patients with short-term ventilator capacity. Patients requiring more long term ventilator use and ICU will be transported to another nearby facility.

Q. Are Beartooth Billings Clinic and StV's offering telemedicine visits? How does that work?

A. Beartooth Billings Clinic and SCL Health/Mountainview offer both telephone and virtual Telehealth visits for certain patients. Beartooth Billings Clinic or Integrated Behavioral Health provider visits are available; Telehealth visits can be scheduled by calling Beartooth at 406.446.2345; a patient must have the Microsoft Teams App. SCL Health/Mountain View virtual visits are through the SCL Health MyChart App. Call 406.446.3800.

Q. Is there a system to monitor owners of 2nd homes in Red Lodge?

A. There are the usual systems in place for monitoring compliance for directives, public health, etc. These would apply to second homes as well as primary homes.

Q. Do you anticipate individuals with compromised immune systems to have to isolate until a vaccine is readily available?

A. Dr. George discussed this at approximately 34 minutes into the video.

Q. Have been wondering why testing is still so hard to obtain. Is this due to a little bit of (necessary) parsimony on the part of the health care community because there just aren't very many test "kits" to be had? It just seems odd that we as a nation have been talking about testing for 3 months, yet getting a test is a fairly rare occurrence. Less testing, less data.

A. Dr. George addressed this at approximately 35 minutes into the video

Q. Is there a point at which you think the majority of the population in CC will have been tested?

A. The ideal is surveillance testing, where everyone gets tested to determine if they currently have or have had the virus. We currently do not have the testing

resources for that kind of testing. Criteria may change as more tests become available and more people will be able to get tested. It is difficult to determine at this point what the criteria for testing may become and how many more people in Montana will be able to take tests.

Q. How do you see this ending? What will coming out of restrictions look like and how will that be determined?

A. A really good question. Thanks for asking. As with so much right now, things are changing. Many people, Dr. George included, acknowledge that it will be a rolling out or incremental process as we come out of the stricter limitations. We don't quite know what this will look like but there are people in the state, county and region that are addressing this kind of planning. If you are interested in providing input to that process, please let us know.

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