

Questions and Answers from LiveStream Thursday, April 2nd, 10:00am, 2020.

For next LiveStream - please submit your questions in full sentences, and provide a brief context of your question, in case we don't get to it in the livestream session.

1. Could you make a listing of contacts (phone, emails, web address)
 - a. Phone: 406-445-7258
 - b. Email: covid19imt@co.carbon.mt.us
 - c. Web: www.CarbonAlert.org
2. Did the patient self Quarantine
 - a. Answered in video: Patient is in isolation in a healthcare facility.
3. Has there been an effective antibody test developed?
 - a. Please see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/testing.html>
scroll down to "Serology Test for COVID-19"
4. any concerns about summer residents arriving soon?
 - a. We are working with County Commissioners, Public Health Officers, Healthcare Authorities, all applicable Carbon County City Elected Officials to determine the best course forward. Also, the State of Montana is actively engaged to ensure the best case scenario for our state.
5. possibility of signs at each entry point to Red Lodge City? COVID-19 or self-quarantine notice for out of town visitors
 - a. Currently hotels and other type facilities are required to let their guests know about the state's requirement around self quarantining for some visitors. We are working with the state to see what other options are available around signage on our roadways.
6. Respect HIPPA, but can you share where the confirmed patient has been and who has been in contact with the patient? Can this be asked to be done voluntarily?
 - a. Answered in video: IMT does not have the authority to follow up on specifics of individual cases and patient name will not be shared publicly. We will share what we can when and if information becomes available
7. How will the 14 day quarantine of non-county residents be enforced?
 - a. <https://www.facebook.com/cityofredlodge/photos/a.546156595473190/2841766639245496/?type=3&theater>
8. Will any city utility bill have leniency /relief?
 - a. The latest Governors Directive states "The March 30 Directive providing measures to limit foreclosures, evictions, and disconnections from service and all of its terms are extended through April 24, 2020" see full directive: <https://covid19.mt.gov/Portals/223/Documents/Extension%20of%20Directives.pdf?ver=2020-04-07-151254-310>

- b. From City of Red Lodge update dated March 20,2020 As most know, City Hall is closed to the public . Staff is still present conducting business as usual. Utility payments will be accepted during this time by card over the phone, through mail, or via the mail slot in our west door. In order to avoid any service fees charged by paying online, you can call City Hall and a one time ACH deduction from a banking account can be done.
If you are experiencing difficulty paying your bill due to financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 virus, please call City Hall at (406) 446-1606 option 2 to make payment arrangements. As an extra measure, late fees on utility accounts for the month of March will also be waived . This will include late fees and shut-off notices fees.
9. How is our PPE supplies for our hospital/first responders?
 - a. We do not have shortages currently, but are planning and preparing for the needs to rise in the future.
 - b. If you have clean, original packaged PPE in surplus, please call Beartooth Billings Clinic (406)446-2345 or info@BeartoothBillingsClinic.org
 - c. The health care facilities and the county continue to explore PPE options through the Federal system and the private market
10. Any future plans to mitigate outdoor recreation visitors ? Beartooth Pass opening?
 - a. Please see answer to Question #4
11. Tourists have to book for 15 day or more to self-quarantine or get grocery delivery?
 - a. We are not sure what this question really means...Does this mean they have to book at least 15 days in advance and then they won't have to quarantine if they don't have symptoms? I would think that the fact that people can be asymptomatic and spread the virus, that this may not help. Also, the directive say that visitors have to quarantine for their entire visit or 14 days, whichever is longer. Please submit your questions in full sentences and provide context next time. Thank You.
12. Are we adequately testing in the county / state to determine if we truly have 1 case in the county?
 - a. Yes, we are testing individuals at the discretion of state and local health departments and/or individual clinicians.
13. Have we had more pneumonia cases in the county for the last 6 month? is there any relationship to COVID-19 cases?

- a. Official data on this is not available at this time.
14. When will you mandate that short term rentals stop except to essential workers?
And close travel into the county except for essential reasons?
- a. Please see latest Governor's Directive:
<https://covid19.mt.gov/Portals/223/Documents/Extension%20of%20Directives.pdf?ver=2020-04-07-151254-310>
 - b. See answer to 4
15. Projections? June?
- a. Please go to:
<https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america/montana>
16. Is the project June date sustaining shelter in place?
- a. The current projections do
17. Will there be testing for people who suspect they had COVID-19, but have recovered?
- a. This will be at the discretion of the clinicians and public health officials.
18. How Many Ventilators do we have in our County?
- a. Patients with more severe symptoms of COVID-19 who may require a ventilator are stabilized locally and transported to a tertiary care center.
19. BBC does laundry and dietary services for Willows, any concerns there?
- a. All current safety protocols recommended by the CDC are strictly enforced.