



COVID-19 IMT

Guidance for Out of State Visitors and Travel As of May 12, 2020

Wait to Explore Montana!

As we establish a new norm to live with Coronavirus, all individuals will need to take it upon themselves to be safe, regardless of the phase. We know that Montanans and visitors want to keep themselves and their neighbors healthy. They want to do the right thing.

Travel into Montana by those from outside of the state

Travel from another state or country is a common source of COVID19 infection in Montana.

Everyone who travels to Montana from another state or country must self-quarantine for 14- days or the duration of their stay, whichever is shorter.

Exclusions to this directive include public safety, public health, healthcare workers, travelers passing through on their way to another destination, and travelers visiting for work purposes.

If you are self-quarantining, you cannot leave for groceries, public outdoor recreation, to go to work or any other activity. You must remain at your place of quarantine for the duration of the quarantine period. Exceptions will only be made in the event of a medical emergency, fire, natural disaster or other act of God preventing the ongoing healthful habitation of a residence.

The Directive is mandatory, not optional. In Carbon County, the Sheriff's office, Carbon County Public Health, local law enforcement and the County attorney are all working together to help enforce the directive.

What if I'm working?

If travel to the state is for work-related reasons, then you are exempt. Employees, such as seasonal workers or members of outdoor work crews, are exempt from the quarantine requirement during work hours, but should limit all contact with the public outside of work hours for two weeks. We recommend employers consult with their local health department for additional guidance regarding employee housing, sanitation, etc. Local public health departments and boards of health also have the ability to implement more stringent restrictions.

Do people staying at a vacation rental need to self-quarantine? Do out of state second home owners need to self-quarantine?

Yes, any visitor from another state or country traveling to Montana for non-work-related purposes, must self-quarantine for 14-days or the duration of their stay, whichever is shorter.

Self-quarantine means that the visitor or resident must stay within the boundaries of the property they are residing in while in Montana, and cannot leave those boundaries or interact with other people. This includes the visitor or resident being prohibited from grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations/convenience stores, places of worship/churches, schools, and gatherings.

I'm an out-of-state resident and need to make an essential day trip to Montana. Do I need to quarantine before I can take care of the essential business?

Day trips into Montana by non-residents for the purpose of essential activities such as medical appointments and purchasing food is allowed. Travelers should limit human interaction, use social distancing guidelines, and are not allowed to spend the night without triggering the start of their quarantine period, where these activities are prohibited.

I'm an out-of-state resident and I want to make a day trip to Montana for non-essential business, celebration or leisure/outdoor activity. Do I need to quarantine before participating in that non-essential business/outdoor activity?

Non-essential travel for non-residents into the state of Montana is not advised. All non-work travelers coming into Montana are required to quarantine for 14 days in Montana prior to participating in any non-essential activity in Montana.

I am coming from out-of-state to fish/hunt/camp/recreate. Do I need to quarantine?

Yes. The Directive for travelers coming from out-of-state has been extended through the end of the emergency (unless modified by a subsequent Directive).

Travelers coming from outside of Montana must self-quarantine for 14 days. (See section above for additional information.)

Outfitters, camp hosts and other outdoor businesses should communicate to potential customers about the 14-day mandatory quarantine for those coming from out-of-state.

I'm a Montana resident and I need to make a day trip to another state for essential business. Do I need to quarantine upon my return?

Montana residents are allowed to make day trips to other states for the purpose of conducting essential business without having to quarantine upon return. Travelers should limit human interaction and follow social distancing guidelines.

Who enforces the quarantine? Do I need to contact anyone to let them know I am self-quarantining?

First and foremost, people don't want to get sick and don't want to get others sick. Montanans understand that. We hope that visitors understand that. The Governor and the Carbon County COVID-19 Incident Management Team are confident that most Montanans will take this directive seriously and understand their role in cutting off the chain of transmission to save lives and minimize long term impacts to our economy. This is a public health order that can be legally enforced at local or state levels. In Carbon County, the Sheriff's office, Carbon County Public Health, local law enforcement and County attorney are all working together to help enforce the directive.

You are not required to contact anyone to notify them of your presence in Montana and your intent to self-quarantine. However, we do encourage you to let Carbon County Public Health know by calling 406-446-9941. The public health nurses can check in, monitor your health and help provide resources should you become ill. They can also provide you with documentation that you have completed your quarantine period.

How will I get groceries and essentials while I am self-quarantining?

If you don't have friends or family in the area that can help bring these essential items to you, the Carbon County COVID-19 IMT can help with grocery and essentials delivery. Call 406-445-7258 and leave a message, we will return your call within 24 hours.

Someone I know is not following the self quarantine directive, what should I do?

Our first goal is education. If you feel comfortable educating them about the self-quarantine requirement, please feel free to use the resources on our website, CarbonAlert.org. If you are not comfortable, please call us at 406-445-7258 and leave a message and we will work to help educate the individual(s). If you still have concerns, please contact the Sheriff at their non-emergency number 406-446-1234.

Additional Information

The Montana Department of Commerce will advise persons listing hotels, rental properties, or other short-term rentals in Montana—including but not limited to listings on such services as Airbnb, VRBO, HomeAway, and related services—to include notice of the mandatory quarantine for travelers from another state or country.

Montana Department of Commerce has a tourism informational line: 1-800-847-4868

The Carbon County COVID-19 IMT is also working to inform Carbon County lodging establishments, campgrounds, second-home owners and the general public about these restrictions. If you would like to post a notice in your place of business or download these FAQs please visit our webpage at CarbonAlert.org and CarbonCountyEconomy.org

Who can I contact with questions?

You will receive a reply within 2 business days.

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