



HEALTH ADVISORY

November 19, 2020

Lewis & Clark County has cases of COVID-19 averaging 82 cases/100,000 people/day. Our hospitals and ICU beds are being filled, businesses are losing staff to quarantine or isolation, and we are all being impacted by the spike in cases. We know this is hard, challenging and discouraging.

The following are ways you can protect yourself, your business and the community.

1. It is extremely important to complete a health assessment at the beginning of each shift and to exclude any employee with symptoms of COVID-19. This will protect the other employees in your business, your customers and will help keep your doors open.
2. Prepare your business for response to COVID-positive employees. We are currently unable to call all close contacts to cases. If you are notified of a positive COVID case, we expect you to exclude all close contacts from your business for 14 days from last exposure. We have seen businesses lose their available workforce and need to close until quarantine or isolation is completed. Please see the guidance developed for responding to a COVID positive employee.
<https://www.lccountymt.gov/health/covid-19/phase-two-guidance.html>
3. If an employee needs a quarantine order, please have them call 457-8900 and leave a message. In addition, there is a form on our web page to submit electronically.
<https://www.lccountymt.gov/health/covid-19>
4. Expand curbside assistance or delivery in your operations that will protect your employees and your customers.
5. There are resources available to businesses in relation to COVID. These can be found on the state web page at <https://commerce.mt.gov/Coronavirus-Relief>
6. There are resources available to individuals as well. Please see our web page for community resources to help in this time at <https://www.lccountymt.gov/health/covid-19/community-resources.html>