



FILMING IN MONTANA DURING OUR RE-OPENING PHASE

Thank you for inquiring about filming in Montana. The state is in the **second phase of a three phase re-opening plan**, and we are closely monitoring each step. Film producers and crews can operate in Montana while maintaining social distancing requirements and CDC/public health best practices.

NOTE: Should Montana experience a rapid rise in COVID-19 cases, the governor has the authority to re-instate the stay-at-home order at any time.

THINGS TO KNOW:

- Each shoot is vetted against existing directives and community comfort.
- We are here to assist you in having a safe, creative environment for work.
- Local communities are working hard to combat the spread of COVID-19.
- Public lands and other federal agency permits are on a CASE BY CASE BASIS.
- Municipal and city permits are on a CASE BY CASE BASIS.
- National Park permits are not encouraged at this time. CASE BY CASE BASIS.
- Native American communities are especially vulnerable. Be aware to check with tribal administration if you are planning to work with Native American communities. Many of them have more stringent measures in place to contain Covid-19. Tribal administration contacts are at the end of this document.

NOT RECOMMENDED:

- Shoots with large numbers of extras, elderly participants.
- Shoots where adequate sanitation measures cannot be taken.
- Shoots where social distancing measures would be ineffective.

HOW TO WORK IN MONTANA:

- Work-related travel does not come with a quarantine restriction.
- Employees, such as seasonal workers or members of outdoor work crews should limit contact with the public outside of work hours for two weeks.
- We recommend employers consult with the local health department for additional guidance regarding employee housing, sanitation, etc. Local public health departments and boards of health also can implement more stringent restrictions. *Local health department info at the end of this document.*

- Bring only the crew members who are working on the job. Visitors, spouses or other family and non-essential personnel are not encouraged to travel.
- When recreating outdoors, social distancing directives still apply.
- Expect to bring or source PPE for your crew BEFORE you book your shoot. PPE may not, and most likely will not, be available at retail outlets in your preferred Montana area.

Film crews will need to follow the same guidance as any other employer.

THINGS TO NOTE:

- We strongly encourage you to work with the smallest crew possible. At this time, there are no restrictions on crew size, however, all attempts to bring only essential crew to Montana must be made.
- Gloves and other PPE are only required for personal care workers; however, many businesses are requiring masks to enter facilities.
- Temperatures will be checked at airports and rail stations.
- We recommend on-set temperature checks and consistent observation of crew health. Please source your temperature devices BEFORE travelling to Montana.
- Be respectful of crew that does not wish to return to set at this time. Montana has a higher proportion of elderly and Native American residents who are especially vulnerable.
- Each county's health restrictions may vary. Check with each individual county health department you're interested in. To date, only Missoula County has implemented additional restrictions. County health department contacts are at the end of this document.

EMPLOYERS SHOULD:

- Apply 6-foot social distancing protocols whenever possible.
- Recommend using masks, especially if distance of 6 feet cannot be maintained.
- Provide handwashing stations or other sanitary measures for personal cleanliness.
- Provide access to clean restroom facilities.
- Disinfect gear and vehicles often and as needed.
- Develop and implement appropriate policies, in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations and guidance, and informed by industry best practices, regarding:
 - Social distancing and protective equipment.
 - Temperature checks and/or symptom screening.

- Testing, isolating, and contact tracing, in collaboration with public health authorities.
 - Sanitation.
 - Use and disinfection of common and high-traffic areas.
 - Monitor workforce for indicative symptoms.
 - Do not allow people with symptoms of COVID-19 to work.
- Collaborate with public health officials when implementing policies and procedures for workforce contact tracing following an employee's COVID-19 positive test results

RESTAURANTS, BARS, BREWERIES, DISTILLERIES & CASINOS:

Restaurants, bars, breweries, distilleries, and casinos are practicing physical distancing and reduced capacity protocols (75% of capacity) in accordance with State guidelines.

- These businesses will be required to close their doors and have all patrons out by 11:30 p.m. Breweries and distilleries shall follow existing laws on closing time.
- The expansions for delivery and takeout services, as provided both in the March 24 and March 26 Directives, are extended through the end of the emergency.
- In addition, restaurants, bars, breweries, distilleries, and casinos that reopen must adhere to the general and specific guidelines.

CONTACTING THE MONTANA FILM OFFICE

We are currently working remotely from home. When you call the office main line, or any one of our direct work lines, they are routed directly to our cell phones - so there is always someone to answer your call. We look forward answering your questions and working to provide a clean, safe filming location.

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Visit our website montanafilm.com for updates, location, crew and production support directories.

PRIVATE RESOURCES FOR FILMMAKERS

Offering private testing options and PPE sourcing through the studio.

Montana Studios: montanastudios.com

Studio Director: Joseph Meyers, 406-214-0606, joseph@montanastudios.com

DIRECTIVES AND MORE INFORMATION

GOVERNOR STEVE BULLOCK

governor.mt.gov

covid19.mt.gov

MONTANA OFFICE OF TOURISM & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

marketmt.com

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

dli.mt.gov/employer-covid-19

COVID-19 DEMOGRAPHICS IN MONTANA

dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/coronavirusmt/demographics

MAP OF CASES

montana.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=7c34f3412536439491adcc2103421d4b

COVID-19 TESTING RESOURCES IN MONTANA

dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/coronavirusmt

MISSOULA INFORMATION

missoulacounty.us/government/health/health-department/emergency-preparedness/coronavirus

TRIBAL HEADQUARTERS

Blackfeet Nation – Blackfeet Reservation

406-338-7521

blackfeetnation.com

Chippewa & Cree Tribes – Rocky Boy’s Reservation

406-395-5705

chippewacree-nsn.gov

Crow Nation – Crow Reservation

406-638-3708

crow-nsn.gov

Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes – Flathead Reservation

406-675-2700

cskt.org

Fort Belknap Assiniboine & Gros Ventre Tribes – Fort Belknap Reservation

406-353-2205

ftbelknap.org

Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes – Fort Peck Reservation

406-768-2300

fortpecktribes.org

Little Shell Chippewa Tribe

406-315-2400

montanalittleshelltribe.org

Northern Cheyenne Tribe – Northern Cheyenne Reservation

406-477-6284

cheyennenation.com

COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, Anaconda, MT
406-563-7863
adlc.us/188/Public-Health

Beaverhead County, Dillon, MT
406-683-4771
beaverheadcounty.org/departments/public-health

Big Horn County, Hardin, MT
406-665-8720
bighorncountymt.gov/departments/public-health

Blaine County, Chinook, MT
406-357-2345
blainecounty-mt.gov/blaine-county-public-health-nurse

Broadwater County, Townsend, MT
406-266-9249
townsendmt.com/broadwater-county/county-departments

Butte-Silver Bow County, Butte, MT
406-497-5020
co.silverbow.mt.us/135/Health

Carbon County, Red Lodge, MT
406-446-9941 or 406-426-0789
co.carbon.mt.us/departments/public-health

Carter County, Ekalaka, MT
406-775-6332

Cascade County, Great Falls, MT
406-454-6950
cchdmt.org

Chouteau County, Fort Benton, MT
406-622-3771
chouteaucountyph.com

Custer County, Miles City, MT
406-874-8700
custercountymt.com/public-health

Daniels County, Scobey, MT
406-487-5560

Dawson County, Glendive, MT
406-377-5213
dawsoncountymontana.org/departments/publichealth

Fallon County, Baker, MT
406-778-2824
falloncounty.net/publichealth

Fergus County, Lewistown, MT
406-535-3983
centralmontanahealthdistrict.org

Flathead County, Kalispell, MT
406-751-8101
flathead.mt.gov/health

Gallatin County, Bozeman, MT
406-582-3100
healthygallatin.org

Garfield County, Jordan, MT
406-557-2500
garfieldco.us/garfield-county-health-center

Glacier County, Cut Bank, MT
406-873-2924
glaciercountygov.com

Golden Valley County, Ryegate, MT
406-535-3983

Granite County, Drummond, MT
406-531-5442
co.granite.mt.us/public-health

Hill County, Havre, MT
406-400-2415
hillcountyhealth.com

Jefferson County, Boulder, MT
406-225-4007, 406-287-3249
jeffersoncounty-mt.gov/public_health

Judith Basin County, Stanford, MT
406-566-2277

Lake County, Polson, MT
406-883-7288
lakecountypublichealth.org

Lewis and Clark County, Helena, MT
406-457-8900
lccountymt.gov/health

Liberty County, Chester, MT
406-759-5517

Lincoln County, Libby, MT
406-283-2442
lincolncountymt.us/departments/health-department

Madison County, Virginia City, MT
406-843-4295
madisoncountymt.gov/230/Public-Health

McCone County, Circle, MT
406-485-2444
mcconecountymt.com/public-health

Meagher County, White Sulphur Springs, MT
406-547-3234
meagherco.com/health

Mineral County, Superior, MT
406-822-3564
co.mineral.mt.us/departments/health-department

Missoula County, Missoula, MT
406-258-4770
missoulacounty.us/government/health/health-department

Musselshell County, Lewistown, MT 59457
406-535-3983
musselshellcounty.org/services/health

Park County, Livingston, MT
406-222-4145
parkcounty.org/Government-Departments/Health-Department

Petroleum County, Winnett, MT
406-429-5311

Phillips County, Malta, MT
406-654-2521

Pondera County, Conrad, MT
406-271-3247
ponderacountymontana.org/services/health-department

Powder River County, Broadus, MT
406-436-2297
prco.mt.gov/Public-Health

Powell County, Deer Lodge, MT
406-490-3941
powellcountymt.gov/county-departments/public-health-nurse

Prairie County, Terry, MT
406-635-2020
prairiecounty.org/public_health

Ravalli County, Hamilton, MT
406-375-6672
ravalli.us/207/Public-Health

Richland County, Sidney, MT
406-433-2207
richland.org

Roosevelt County, Wolf Point, MT
406-653-6223
rooseveltcountry.org/health-department

Rosebud County, Forsyth, MT
406-346-2156
rosebudcountymt.gov/departments/public-health

Sanders County, Thompson Falls, MT
406-827-6931
co.sanders.mt.us/departments/public-health

Sheridan County, Plentywood, MT
406-765-3412
co.sheridan.mt.us/index.php/Sheridan/nurse

Stillwater County, Columbus, MT

406-322-8055

stillwatercountymt.gov/government/departments-staff/environmental-health

Sweet Grass County, Big Timber, MT

406-932-5449

sweetgrasscountygov.com/government-departments/other-departments/public-health

Teton County, Choteau, MT

406-466-2562

tetoncomt.org/health-department

Toole County, Shelby, MT

406-424-5169

toolecountymt.gov/department_health

Treasure County, Hysham, MT

406-342-5886

treasurecountyhealth.com

Valley County, Glasgow, MT

406-228-6261

valleycountymt.net/departments/health_department

Wheatland County, Harlowton, MT

406-535-3983

Wibaux County, Wibaux, MT

406-796-2485

Yellowstone County, Billings, MT

406-247-3200

riverstonehealth.org