



## FILMING IN MONTANA DURING OUR PHASED RE-OPENING

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.

**Governor's Directive and Covid-19 information for Montana:** [covid19.mt.gov](https://covid19.mt.gov)

### THINGS TO KNOW:

- Know the local public health guidelines before arriving at your destination.
- Stay home if you're sick.
- Understand some services and destinations may be limited.
- 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 in Montana are taking additional steps to protect their communities from Covid-19. Please check with the appropriate tribal administration if you are planning to work with Native American communities. 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:

- There is no quarantine requirement for work (or non-work) related travel into Montana.

- Plan 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.
- Employees and employers should follow social distancing guidelines and practice preventative measures to protect against the spread of Covid-19:
  - Wash your hands thoroughly and often for at least 20 seconds using soap and water.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
  - Cover your cough/sneeze with a tissue (or your elbow).
  - Stay home if you are sick.
  - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
  - Wear a nonmedical face covering in public places where it's impractical to social distance, like grocery stores.

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

### **THINGS TO NOTE:**

- Masks are required for individuals over 5-years-old in all public spaces in counties with four or more active Covid-19 cases.
- Masks are required for individuals over 5-years-old at all outdoor gatherings of 50 or more people.
- 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 should be made.
- We recommend on-set temperature checks and consistent observation of crew health. Please source your temperature devices BEFORE traveling to Montana.
- Be respectful of crew that does not wish to return to set at this time.
- Each county's health restrictions may vary. Check with each individual county health department you're interested in prior to making your travel plans. To date, only Missoula County has implemented additional restrictions. County health department contacts are at the end of this document.

### **EMPLOYERS SHOULD:**

- Apply a minimum of 6-foot social distancing protocols whenever possible.
- 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 and encourage them to get tested.
- 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 are required to close their doors and have all patrons out by 12:30 p.m. Breweries and distilleries shall follow existing laws on closing time.
- Restaurants may have expanded delivery and takeout services available.
- In addition, restaurants, bars, breweries, distilleries, and casinos must adhere to the general and specific social distancing and sanitation guidelines.

## **CONTACTING THE MONTANA FILM OFFICE**

We are currently working remotely. 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 to answering your questions and working to provide a clean, safe filming location.

### **MAIN OFFICE:**

[montanafilm@mt.gov](mailto:montanafilm@mt.gov)

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### **STAFF DIRECT:**

**Allison Whitmer**, Film Commissioner, 406-841-2881, [allison.whitmer@mt.gov](mailto:allison.whitmer@mt.gov)

**J.D. Jacoby**, Locations Coordinator, 406-841-2880, [jjacoby@mt.gov](mailto:jjacoby@mt.gov)

**Stacey Zyliak**, Incentives Coordinator, 406-841-2883, 406-202-5262, [szyliak@mt.gov](mailto:szyliak@mt.gov)

Visit our website [MONTANAFILM.COM](http://MONTANAFILM.COM) for updates, location, crew and production support directories.

## **PRIVATE RESOURCES FOR FILMMAKERS**

Montana Studios: [montanastudios.com](http://montanastudios.com)

Studio Director: Joseph Meyers, 406-214-0606, [joseph@montanastudios.com](mailto:joseph@montanastudios.com)

Offering private testing options and PPE sourcing through the studio.

## **DIRECTIVES AND MORE INFORMATION**

### **OFFICE OF GOVERNOR STEVE BULLOCK**

[governor.mt.gov](http://governor.mt.gov)

[covid19.mt.gov](http://covid19.mt.gov)

### **MONTANA OFFICE OF TOURISM & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

[marketmt.com](http://marketmt.com)

### **MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

[dli.mt.gov/employer-covid-19](http://dli.mt.gov/employer-covid-19)

### **COVID-19 DEMOGRAPHICS IN MONTANA**

[dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/coronavirusmt/demographics](http://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/coronavirusmt/demographics)

### **MAP OF CASES**

[covid19.mt.gov](http://covid19.mt.gov)

### **COVID-19 TESTING RESOURCES IN MONTANA**

[covid19.mt.gov](http://covid19.mt.gov)

[dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/coronavirusmt](http://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/coronavirusmt)

### **MISSOULA INFORMATION**

[missoulacounty.us/government/health/health-department/emergency-preparedness/coronavirus](http://missoulacounty.us/government/health/health-department/emergency-preparedness/coronavirus)

## TRIBAL HEADQUARTERS

**Blackfeet Nation – Blackfeet Reservation**

406-338-7521

[blackfeetnation.com](http://blackfeetnation.com)

**Chippewa & Cree Tribes – Rocky Boy’s Reservation**

406-395-5705

[chippewacree-nsn.gov](http://chippewacree-nsn.gov)

**Crow Nation – Crow Reservation**

406-638-3708

[crow-nsn.gov](http://crow-nsn.gov)

**Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes – Flathead Reservation**

406-675-2700

[cskt.org](http://cskt.org)

**Fort Belknap Assiniboine & Gros Ventre Tribes – Fort Belknap Reservation**

406-353-2205

[ftbelknap.org](http://ftbelknap.org)

**Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes – Fort Peck Reservation**

406-768-2300

[fortpecktribes.org](http://fortpecktribes.org)

**Little Shell Chippewa Tribe**

406-315-2400

[montanalittleshelltribe.org](http://montanalittleshelltribe.org)

**Northern Cheyenne Tribe – Northern Cheyenne Reservation**

406-477-6284

[cheyennenation.com](http://cheyennenation.com)

## COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

**Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, Anaconda, MT**  
406-563-7863  
[adlc.us/188/Public-Health](http://adlc.us/188/Public-Health)

**Beaverhead County, Dillon, MT**  
406-683-4771  
[beaverheadcounty.org/departments/public-health](http://beaverheadcounty.org/departments/public-health)

**Big Horn County, Hardin, MT**  
406-665-8720  
[bighorncountymt.gov/departments/public-health](http://bighorncountymt.gov/departments/public-health)

**Blaine County, Chinook, MT**  
406-357-2345  
[blainecounty-mt.gov/blaine-county-public-health-nurse](http://blainecounty-mt.gov/blaine-county-public-health-nurse)

**Broadwater County, Townsend, MT**  
406-266-9249  
[townsendmt.com/broadwater-county/county-departments](http://townsendmt.com/broadwater-county/county-departments)

**Butte-Silver Bow County, Butte, MT**  
406-497-5020  
[co.silverbow.mt.us/135/Health](http://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](http://co.carbon.mt.us/departments/public-health)

**Carter County, Ekalaka, MT**  
406-775-6332

**Cascade County, Great Falls, MT**  
406-454-6950  
[cchdmt.org](http://cchdmt.org)

**Chouteau County, Fort Benton, MT**  
406-622-3771  
[chouteaucountyph.com](http://chouteaucountyph.com)

**Custer County, Miles City, MT**  
406-874-8700  
[custercountymt.com/public-health](http://custercountymt.com/public-health)

**Daniels County**, Scobey, MT  
406-487-5560

**Dawson County**, Glendive, MT  
406-377-5213  
[dawsoncountymontana.org/departments/publichealth](http://dawsoncountymontana.org/departments/publichealth)

**Fallon County**, Baker, MT  
406-778-2824  
[falloncounty.net/publichealth](http://falloncounty.net/publichealth)

**Fergus County**, Lewistown, MT  
406-535-3983  
[centralmontanahealthdistrict.org](http://centralmontanahealthdistrict.org)

**Flathead County**, Kalispell, MT  
406-751-8101  
[flathead.mt.gov/health](http://flathead.mt.gov/health)

**Gallatin County**, Bozeman, MT  
406-582-3100  
[healthygallatin.org](http://healthygallatin.org)

**Garfield County**, Jordan, MT  
406-557-2500  
[garfieldco.us/garfield-county-health-center](http://garfieldco.us/garfield-county-health-center)

**Glacier County**, Cut Bank, MT  
406-873-2924  
[glaciercountygov.com](http://glaciercountygov.com)

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

**Granite County**, Drummond, MT  
406-531-5442  
[co.granite.mt.us/public-health](http://co.granite.mt.us/public-health)

**Hill County**, Havre, MT  
406-400-2415  
[hillcountyhealth.com](http://hillcountyhealth.com)

**Jefferson County**, Boulder, MT  
406-225-4007, 406-287-3249  
[jeffersoncounty-mt.gov/public\\_health](http://jeffersoncounty-mt.gov/public_health)

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

**Lake County**, Polson, MT  
406-883-7288  
[lakecountypublichealth.org](http://lakecountypublichealth.org)

**Lewis and Clark County**, Helena, MT  
406-457-8900  
[lccountymt.gov/health](http://lccountymt.gov/health)

**Liberty County**, Chester, MT  
406-759-5517

**Lincoln County**, Libby, MT  
406-283-2442  
[lincolncountymt.us/departments/health-department](http://lincolncountymt.us/departments/health-department)

**Madison County**, Virginia City, MT  
406-843-4295  
[madisoncountymt.gov/230/Public-Health](http://madisoncountymt.gov/230/Public-Health)

**McCone County**, Circle, MT  
406-485-2444  
[mcconecountymt.com/public-health](http://mcconecountymt.com/public-health)

**Meagher County**, White Sulphur Springs, MT  
406-547-3234  
[meagherco.com/health](http://meagherco.com/health)

**Mineral County**, Superior, MT  
406-822-3564  
[co.mineral.mt.us/departments/health-department](http://co.mineral.mt.us/departments/health-department)

**Missoula County**, Missoula, MT  
406-258-4770  
[missoulacounty.us/government/health/health-department](http://missoulacounty.us/government/health/health-department)

**Musselshell County**, Lewistown, MT 59457  
406-535-3983  
[musselshellcounty.org/services/health](http://musselshellcounty.org/services/health)

**Park County**, Livingston, MT  
406-222-4145  
[parkcounty.org/Government-Departments/Health-Department](http://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](http://ponderacountymontana.org/services/health-department)

**Powder River County**, Broadus, MT  
406-436-2297  
[prco.mt.gov/Public-Health](http://prco.mt.gov/Public-Health)

**Powell County**, Deer Lodge, MT  
406-490-3941  
[powellcountymt.gov/county-departments/public-health-nurse](http://powellcountymt.gov/county-departments/public-health-nurse)

**Prairie County**, Terry, MT  
406-635-2020  
[prairiecounty.org/public\\_health](http://prairiecounty.org/public_health)

**Ravalli County**, Hamilton, MT  
406-375-6672  
[ravalli.us/207/Public-Health](http://ravalli.us/207/Public-Health)

**Richland County**, Sidney, MT  
406-433-2207  
[richland.org](http://richland.org)

**Roosevelt County**, Wolf Point, MT  
406-653-6223  
[rooseveltcountry.org/health-department](http://rooseveltcountry.org/health-department)

**Rosebud County**, Forsyth, MT  
406-346-2156  
[rosebudcountymt.gov/departments/public-health](http://rosebudcountymt.gov/departments/public-health)

**Sanders County**, Thompson Falls, MT  
406-827-6931  
[co.sanders.mt.us/departments/public-health](http://co.sanders.mt.us/departments/public-health)

**Sheridan County**, Plentywood, MT  
406-765-3412  
[co.sheridan.mt.us/index.php/Sheridan/nurse](http://co.sheridan.mt.us/index.php/Sheridan/nurse)

**Stillwater County**, Columbus, MT

406-322-8055

[stillwatercountymt.gov/government/departments-staff/environmental-health](http://stillwatercountymt.gov/government/departments-staff/environmental-health)

**Sweet Grass County**, Big Timber, MT

406-932-5449

[sweetgrasscountygov.com/government-departments/other-departments/public-health](http://sweetgrasscountygov.com/government-departments/other-departments/public-health)

**Teton County**, Choteau, MT

406-466-2562

[tetoncomt.org/health-department](http://tetoncomt.org/health-department)

**Toole County**, Shelby, MT

406-424-5169

[toolecountymt.gov/department\\_health](http://toolecountymt.gov/department_health)

**Treasure County**, Hysham, MT

406-342-5886

[treasurecountyhealth.com](http://treasurecountyhealth.com)

**Valley County**, Glasgow, MT

406-228-6261

[valleycountymt.net/departments/health\\_department](http://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](http://riverstonehealth.org)