

Covid Panel Rules

Mitigation Measures

- 1.) Upon entry to the Capitol building, temperature checks will be provided and are highly encouraged.
- 2.) While inside the Capitol building, face masks are highly recommended for all legislators, staff, family and visitors.
- 3.) Legislators agree that, while they are inside a legislative staff work area on the first floor in the legislative audit division or legislative staff division, to wear a face coverings for the health and safety of staff. You may also electronic communication to meet.
- 4.) Snacks may be made available if they are individually wrapped and not shared.

Testing and Diagnosis

- 5.) If experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 and you are waiting to be tested or waiting for test results, participation from a remote location will be made available via Zoom. Members are encouraged to download remote voting apps in the event they are quarantined. Members attending remotely have the same privileges and abilities as those attending in person.
- 6.) Testing is available to all legislators and staff at Care Here MT State Employee Center located at 405 Saddle Dr, Helena, MT 59601. You can contact their office at (406) 502-1355.
- 7.) If you are diagnosed with Covid-19, please notify the local health district at (406) 457-8900 so they can begin their contract tracing.
- 8.) If you are diagnosed with Covid-19, you are expected to notify leadership *immediately*. You will be provided the opportunity to vote remotely.

Remote Participation by Zoom

- 9.) No one is required to be in the building to participate in the legislative process.
- 10.) If members of the public would like to participate in a particular hearing via Zoom, they *must* register at leg.mt.gov before noon the day prior to the hearing to sign up in order to testify.
- 11.) If members of the public would like to participate in a particular hearing in person they are *encouraged* to register at leg.mt.gov before noon the day prior to the hearing to notify the chair

of the committee of their participation so the chair can make proper arrangements to accommodate the number of persons involved.

12.) If voting by proxy, legislators may confirm either by email or with a hard copy.

13.) For any bill, the sponsor may identify up to five proponents to be called upon.

Vaccinations

Please note according to the Montana Covid-19 Vaccine plan, vaccine distribution is occurring in phases beginning with Phase 1a that targets health care workers, as well as staff and residents of long term care facilities. Phase 1a also includes healthcare workers with direct patient contact, such as dentists, orthodontists, physical therapists, optometrists, home health workers and others that fit the criteria. This will be followed by Phase 1b which includes those age 70 years and older, persons aged 16-69 with high risk medical conditions and American Indians and other people of color who may be at elevated risk for COVID-19 complications. For more information on Montana's Covid-19 Vaccine plan please visit depths.mt.gov