Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Local Services and Attractions

Are restaurants, retail, and other businesses open in Whitefish?
Yes. It's important to know that services might be limited and new safety protocols are in place. For more detailed information regarding individual businesses, we suggest calling those businesses directly or checking their status on their Facebook pages.

When is Glacier National Park Reopening?
Glacier National Park is open & has released their Reopening Plan. Here some highlights of services currently available. As of June 29, 2020:

- Access will be available at the west entrance (West Glacier) only. The east side park entrances are closed for the season.
- Currently, visitors are able to access Apgar and Going-to-the-Sun Road as far as Avalanche, campground available for day-use parking.
- Hiker/biker access is available while the road crews are working up to various stopping points. Evenings & weekends hiker/biker access to Logan Pass.
- Camas Road is now open and the North Fork is open as a day-use area only with the gate closing at 4:30pm each day.
- The park is targeting to have personal boating on Lake McDonald and aquatic invasive species inspection stations open.
- Currently, entrance fees will not be collected by gate attendants. All visitors at Glacier National Park are required to pay an entrance fee. The self service kiosks are available at the entrance station and GNP is recommending that visitors purchase their park pass in advance at Recreation.gov
- Go to glacierpark.info for an overview of campground, parking lot and road status in the Park.
- Reminder: Visitor services are very limited. Expect wait times at the park entrances and parking lots. Visit the Glacier National Park website for more information. www.nps.gov/glac

Effective June 1, 2020 Montana moved into Phase 2 of Governor Bullock's Phased Reopening Plan. What does that mean for visitors?
Here are highlights of what's changing in Phase Two. (Read the full directive at explorewhitefish.com)

- *14-day out-of-state traveler quarantine was lifted starting on June 1.*
- *Restaurants, breweries, bars, casino's, gyms and other businesses can increase to 75% capacity. Businesses must continue to follow social distancing and sanitation guidelines established in Phase One.*

Where Can I Find Information on Health Care?

- North Valley Hospital and Kalispell Regional Medical Center: https://www.krh.org/krhc/patients-and-visitors/covid-19-preparedness-and-updates
- Flathead County Health Orders and Phased Safety Measures: https://flatheadhealth.org/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/

Where Can I Get Tested for the Coronavirus?
Free COVID-19 Drive Through Testing in Whitefish takes place Thursdays (12:30-6:30pm) and Fridays (7am-12pm) at the Whitefish High School Parking Lot. While the site is designed for our front-line workers who interact with the public frequently and have no symptoms of a respiratory illness, anyone interested may be tested. Individuals who have symptoms will be referred to their primary care provider or other resources for symptomatic testing.

What happens if I test positive for COVID-19 while I am visiting the area?
If an individual tests positive in Flathead County, they will be required to isolate until they meet CDC criteria for release from isolation. Release from isolation must be cleared by the Health Department (MCA 50-18-107). If the individual is unable to leave Flathead County, isolation may result in someone staying in their current lodging situation for a longer period of time than initially planned. Please contact your host immediately.

Am I required to wear a mask in public while in Whitefish?
The Whitefish City Council passed a resolution on Monday, July 6, 2020 strongly encouraging the use of masks or cloth face coverings in public settings to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. This applies to residents and visitors alike.

What is the status of summer activities at Whitefish Mountain Resort?
Whitefish Mountain Resort is open for the Summer. Visit: www.skiwhitefish.com/covid-19

What is the status of the U.S. / Canada Border?
The border between Canada and the United States is closed to all non-essential travel through at least July 21, 2020

Where can I find more visitor information in Whitefish?

- Visit ExploreWhitefish.com
- Visit the self service visitor information kiosks located in downtown Whitefish. **Free Wifi is available at the kiosks as well as maps and travel guides.**
  - Central Ave. and Railway Street (O'Shaughnessy Center)
  - Spokane Ave. and Depot Street (between Library and Whitefish Train Depot)
  - E. 1st St. and Spokane Ave. (two kiosks located in free parking lot)
  - E. 3rd St. and Central Ave.
  - Baker Ave. and E. 1st St (two kiosks located in free parking garage)
- Visit, call, or email the Whitefish Visitor Information Center located at 505 East 2nd St, They can also be reached via phone (877-862-3548) or email (info@explorewhitefish.com). The Visitor Center is open Mon-Sat 9am-2pm

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