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Big Horn County
Confirms One (1) Additional Case of COVID-19
Tested during mass testing events last week

HARDIN, MONTANA (June 1, 2020) – Big Horn County added one (1) confirmed positive case of COVID-19 on Monday afternoon, a male in his 50's who was asymptomatic and tested during one of the sentinel surveillance testing events on May 27 and 28, 2020.

Total confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Big Horn County:

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active
Under age 10	1	3	4		
Age 10 – 19	5	6	11		
Age 20 – 29	5	1	6		
Age 30 – 39	1	1	2		
Age 40 – 49	-	2	2		
Age 50 – 59	1	1	2		
Age 60 – 69	2	2	4		
Over age 70	-	-	-		
Totals	15	16	31	8	23

Eight (8) of the earlier confirmed-positive patients have recovered. All 23 remaining patients are quarantining and recovering at home, as the previously hospitalized patient was released from hospital today.

The Big Horn County Public Health Department and Indian Health Service (IHS) Public Health Nursing are currently tracing the contacts of this new case. All close contacts will be notified, interviewed, and given instructions for further action if required.

Sentinel surveillance testing is random testing of members of a community to determine spread of a particular disease and is particularly useful in finding asymptomatic cases of COVID-19. A patient is asymptomatic when they show no outward signs of the disease.

Tracking down contacts to a positive case is one of the best tools public health can use to slow the spread of the virus. If you believe you were in the presence of a recently confirmed COVID-19 case for more than five (5) minutes, please call public health so that a nurse may interview you and determine what level of exposure you have:

- IHS Public Health: (406) 638-3478
- Big Horn County Public Health: (406) 665-8720

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Big Horn County is the sixth largest county in Montana, at approximately 5,023 square miles, and with a population exceeding 13,000. The local government was established January 13, 1913. Hardin is the County Seat. <https://www.bighorncountymt.gov/>. For more information about the County's COVID-19 response, please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BHCMTResponds>.