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**Big Horn County Reports Third Death from COVID-19 and
Two (2) New Confirmed Cases**
Decedent was a woman in her 30's

HARDIN, MONTANA (June 16, 2020) – Big Horn County today confirmed a third death due to 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) of an individual residing in Big Horn County. The decedent was a woman in her 30's. She had been previously diagnosed with COVID-19 and had been hospitalized.

The Big Horn County COVID-19 Response Unified Coalition offers their deepest condolences for her family and friends in their loss.

Big Horn County added two (2) confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday. One patient is a female in her 20's and the other is a male in his 30's, who were found through contact tracing of previously-identified cases.

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

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

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active	Deaths
Under age 10	1	4	5			
Age 10 – 19	5	6	11			
Age 20 – 29	7	1	8			
Age 30 – 39	4	3	7			
Age 40 – 49	-	2	2			
Age 50 – 59	2	4	6			
Age 60 – 69	2	5	7			
Over age 70	1	2	3			
Totals	22	27	49	34	12	3

Recoveries in the County total 34. Three (3) are deceased. 11 patients are quarantining and recovering at home and one (1) patient is currently hospitalized.

Tracking down contacts to a positive case (contact tracing) 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

Public health nurses want to remind all residents of Big Horn County of the best ways to prevent the transmission of this illness: stay home; wash your hands thoroughly and often; clean and sanitize frequently touched surfaces and items; wear a mask when in public; stay at least six (6) feet away from other people; and avoid travel out of the County if at all possible. And if you are feeling sick, do not go to work or leave your home; rather, contact your healthcare provider for guidance.

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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>.