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**Big Horn County Reports Fourth Death from COVID-19 and  
Four (4) New Confirmed Cases**  
*Decedent was a woman in her 60's*

**HARDIN, MONTANA** (July 2, 2020) – Big Horn County today confirmed a fourth death due to 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) of an individual residing in the County. The decedent was a woman in her 60's. She was previously diagnosed with COVID-19 and was hospitalized prior to her death.

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 four (4) confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 on Thursday. Three (3) were contacts of previously confirmed cases and one (1) is not part of any current cluster in the County. All four presented with symptoms. The four patients are:

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals
Under age 10	-	-	-
Age 10 – 19	-	1	1
Age 20 – 29	1	1	2
Age 30 – 39	-	-	-
Age 40 – 49	-	-	-
Age 50 – 59	-	1	1
Age 60 – 69	-	-	-
Over age 70	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

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

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active	Deaths
Under age 10	5	8	13			
Age 10 – 19	7	11	18			
Age 20 – 29	10	4	14			
Age 30 – 39	6	6	12			
Age 40 – 49	3	3	6			
Age 50 – 59	2	7	9			
Age 60 – 69	4	8	12			
Over age 70	1	2	3			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>

Recoveries in the County total 49. Four (4) persons are deceased. Of the 34 active cases, 32 patients are quarantining and recovering at home, and two (2) are currently hospitalized.

The Big Horn County Public Health Board met today and wants to remind all residents of Big Horn County to wear a mask and social distance when outside of their homes and in public. Masks are

required when engaged in indoor activities, such as shopping. Masks are not necessary in the event that residents are unlikely to come within six (6) feet of other people while taking advantage of the outdoors in our beautiful county, to work, recreate, or exercise.

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 Nursing: (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>.