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Big Horn County Reports Two (2) Newly-confirmed Cases of COVID-19
Five (5) remain hospitalized

HARDIN, MONTANA (July 16, 2020) – Big Horn County added two (2) confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 on Thursday night. Both were symptomatic when tested and were contacts of previously-confirmed cases.

The new cases are:

| Age Ranges | Female | Male | Totals |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Under age 10 | - | - | - |
| Age 10 – 19 | - | - | - |
| Age 20 – 29 | - | - | - |
| Age 30 – 39 | - | - | - |
| Age 40 – 49 | 1 | - | 1 |
| Age 50 – 59 | 1 | - | 1 |
| Age 60 – 69 | - | - | - |
| Over age 70 | - | - | - |
| Totals | 2 | - | 2 |

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

| Age Ranges | Female | Male | Totals | Recovered | Active | Deaths |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Under age 10 | 6 | 9 | 15 | | | |
| Age 10 – 19 | 12 | 12 | 24 | | | |
| Age 20 – 29 | 14 | 6 | 20 | | | |
| Age 30 – 39 | 7 | 10 | 17 | | | |
| Age 40 – 49 | 11 | 7 | 18 | | | |
| Age 50 – 59 | 6 | 10 | 16 | | | |
| Age 60 – 69 | 8 | 8 | 16 | | | |
| Over age 70 | 4 | 3 | 7 | | | |
| Totals | 68 | 65 | 133 | 70 | 58 | 5 |

Recoveries in Big Horn County stand at 70. Five (5) persons are deceased. Of the 58 active cases, 53 patients are quarantining and recovering at home, and five (5) patients remain hospitalized.

| Month | Number of Cases |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| April | 3 |
| May | 27 |
| June | 44 |
| July to date (7/16/2020) | 59 |

Big Horn County wants to remind all residents of the 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 outdoors and unlikely to come within six (6) feet of other people, such as while taking advantage of 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>.