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Big Horn County Reports Six (6) Newly-confirmed Cases of COVID-19***One (1) additional hospitalization for total of six (6)***

HARDIN, MONTANA (July 18, 2020) – Big Horn County added six (6) confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 on Saturday. All are symptomatic. One (1) patient likely contracted the virus through community spread and five (5) were contacts of previously-confirmed cases.

The new cases are:

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals
Under age 10	-	-	-
Age 10 – 19	2	1	3
Age 20 – 29	-	1	1
Age 30 – 39	-	1	1
Age 40 – 49	-	1	1
Age 50 – 59	-	-	-
Age 60 – 69	-	-	-
Over age 70	-	-	-
Totals	2	4	6

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

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active	Deaths
Under age 10	6	10	16			
Age 10 – 19	14	13	27			
Age 20 – 29	14	7	21			
Age 30 – 39	8	11	19			
Age 40 – 49	11	10	21			
Age 50 – 59	6	10	16			
Age 60 – 69	8	8	16			
Over age 70	4	3	7			
Totals	71	72	143	70	68	5

Recoveries in Big Horn County remain at 70. Five (5) persons are deceased. Of the 68 active cases, 62 patients are quarantining and recovering at home, and six (6) patients are hospitalized, an increase of one (1) over the previous day.

Month	Number of Cases
April	3
May	27
June	44
July to date (7/18/2020)	69

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>.