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## **Big Horn County Reports 16 Newly-confirmed Cases of COVID-19**

*Ten (10) cases attributed to “community spread”*

**HARDIN, MONTANA** (July 28, 2020) – Big Horn County added 16 cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday. Community spread is likely in the cases of ten (10) patients, as there was no clear connection to positive cases, while six (6) were tested as a result of contact with previously-confirmed positive patients. Six (6) were asymptomatic when tested and ten (10) presented with symptoms.

The new cases are:

<b>Age Ranges</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Under age 10	-	-	-
Age 10 – 19	-	-	-
Age 20 – 29	-	1	<b>1</b>
Age 30 – 39	2	3	<b>5</b>
Age 40 – 49	3	4	<b>7</b>
Age 50 – 59	1	1	<b>2</b>
Age 60 – 69	1	-	<b>1</b>
Over age 70	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>

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

<b>Age Ranges</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>Recovered</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>Deaths</b>
Under age 10	9	12	<b>21</b>			
Age 10 – 19	18	17	<b>35</b>			
Age 20 – 29	19	11	<b>30</b>			
Age 30 – 39	17	22	<b>39</b>			
Age 40 – 49	18	17	<b>35</b>			
Age 50 – 59	13	19	<b>32</b>			
Age 60 – 69	16	14	<b>30</b>			
Over age 70	9	6	<b>15</b>			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>5</b>

Recoveries in Big Horn County remained at 110. Five (5) persons are deceased. Of the 122 active cases, 113 patients are quarantining and recovering at home, and nine (9) patients are hospitalized.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>
April	3
May	27
June	44
July to date (7/28/2020)	163

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>.