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Big Horn County has
Fourth Confirmed Case of COVID-19
Residents are Reminded to Continue Precautions to Prevent Further Spread

HARDIN, MONTANA (May 11, 2020) - Big Horn County has a fourth confirmed case of COVID-19. This new case is a woman in her 20's. The first three (3) cases in the County were: a man in his 40's; a woman in her 20's; and, a woman in her 50's. Two of the earlier confirmed-positive patients have recovered; one earlier patient and this newly confirmed patient are recovering at home.

The Indian Health Service (IHS) Public Health Nursing, with assistance from the Big Horn County Public Health Department, have begun tracing the contacts of this new case. As with previous cases, all close contacts will be notified, interviewed, and given instructions for further action if required.

Because the availability of testing supplies remains limited in Big Horn County, people who are not named as a close contact and are not sick should not go to our clinics or hospitals to seek coronavirus testing. However, if you are sick or have symptoms related to COVID-19, such as a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, please phone your healthcare provider for advice.

IHS Public Health Nursing and Big Horn County Public Health wish to remind all residents of Big Horn County of the best ways to prevent the transmission of this illness: stay home when feasible; 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.