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Big Horn County Announces Three (3) Newly-confirmed Cases of COVID-19

35 active cases, including 18 hospitalized

HARDIN, MONTANA (December 29, 2020) – Big Horn County added three (3) new cases of COVID-19 on Monday, December 28, 2020. All three (3) patients presented with symptoms when tested and could be traced by public health to previously-known cases of coronavirus.

The new cases are:

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

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

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active	Deaths
Under age 10	85	86	171			
Age 10 – 19	177	171	348			
Age 20 – 29	181	153	334			
Age 30 – 39	185	168	353			
Age 40 – 49	150	115	265			
Age 50 – 59	151	109	260			
Age 60 – 69	133	105	238			
Over age 70	106	71	177			
Totals	1,168	976	2,146	2,050	35	61

Recoveries in the County increased by 75 to 2,050. 61 persons are deceased. Of the 35 active cases, 17 patients are quarantining and recovering at home. The number of Big Horn County resident patients currently hospitalized in the region is 18.

Month	Number of Cases	Number of Deaths
April	3	-
May	27	-
June	44	3
July	249	5
August	357	8
September	294	7
October	456	17
November	473	8
December (12/28/2020 to date)	243	13
Total since Pandemic Began	2,146	61

As the new year approaches – and even if you have recently received the first dose of a vaccine against COVID-19 – it is important to follow the three W's: Wash your hands; Watch your distance from other people; Wear a mask. The County asks all residents to please continue stay home more often and to avoid events or gatherings. Also, the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Public Health ask everyone to wear a mask and social distance when outside of their homes and in public.

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>.