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Big Horn County Announces Four (4) Newly-confirmed Cases of COVID-19

All four (4) age 60 and over

HARDIN, MONTANA (December 13, 2020) – Big Horn County added four (4) new cases of COVID-19 on Sunday, December 13, 2020. All four (4) presented with symptoms when tested and all four (4) cases could be traced by public health to previously-known cases of coronavirus.

The new cases are:

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

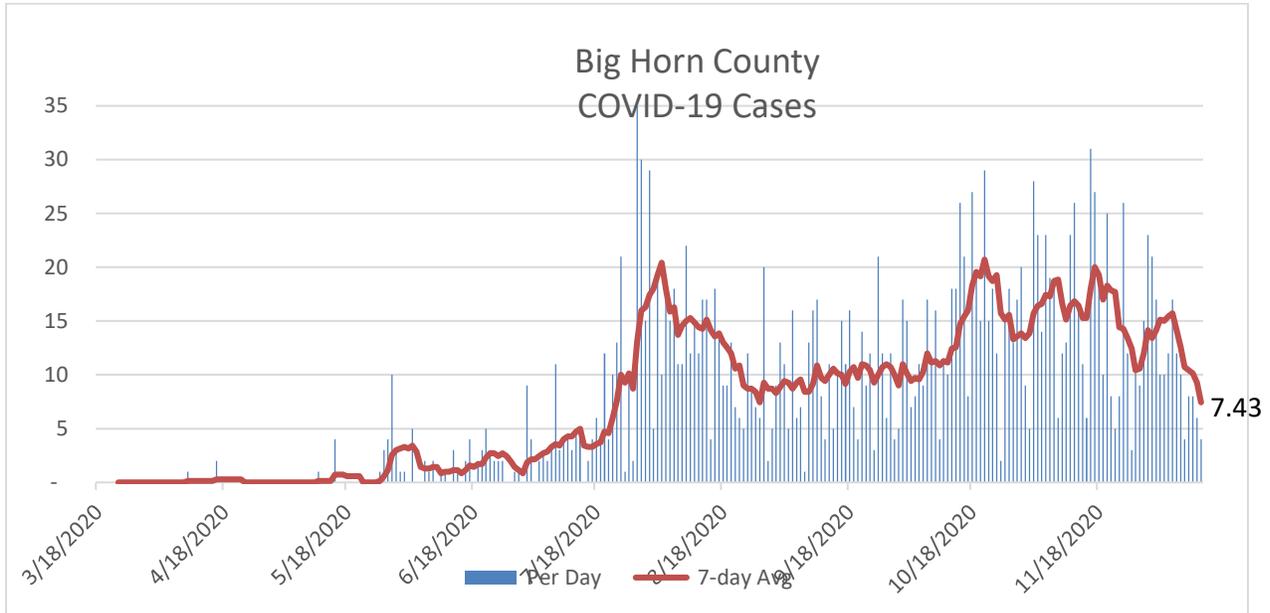
Total confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Big Horn County:

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active	Deaths
Under age 10	77	81	158			
Age 10 – 19	166	162	328			
Age 20 – 29	177	149	326			
Age 30 – 39	172	160	332			
Age 40 – 49	146	109	255			
Age 50 – 59	147	105	252			
Age 60 – 69	127	100	227			
Over age 70	97	66	163			
Totals	1,109	932	2,041	1,844	142	55

Recoveries in the County remain at 1,844. 55 persons are deceased. Of the 142 active cases, 128 patients are quarantining and recovering at home. The number of Big Horn County resident patients currently hospitalized in the region is 14.

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 (12/13/2020 to date)	138	7
Total since Pandemic Began	2,041	55

The 7-day average for new cases in Big Horn County has declined to 7.43 new cases per day for the first time since August 27, 2020. It is the hope of the Big Horn County COVID-19 Response Unified Coalition that cases in the County will continue on this downward trend taking the pressure off our healthcare system and professionals.



With the holiday season, it is more important than ever to continue 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. 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 outside.

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>.