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Big Horn County Announces 16 Newly-confirmed Cases of COVID-19 Over Two-day Period

Recoveries increased by 31 to 1,844

HARDIN, MONTANA (December 11, 2020) – Big Horn County added eight (8) new cases of COVID-19 on Thursday, December 10, 2020, and eight (8) cases on Friday, December 11, 2020 for a two-day total of 16 newly-confirmed cases. One (1) patient was asymptomatic (without symptoms) and 15 presented with symptoms when tested. Six (6) patients likely contracted the virus through community spread and ten (10) cases could be traced by public health to previously-known cases of coronavirus.

The new cases are:

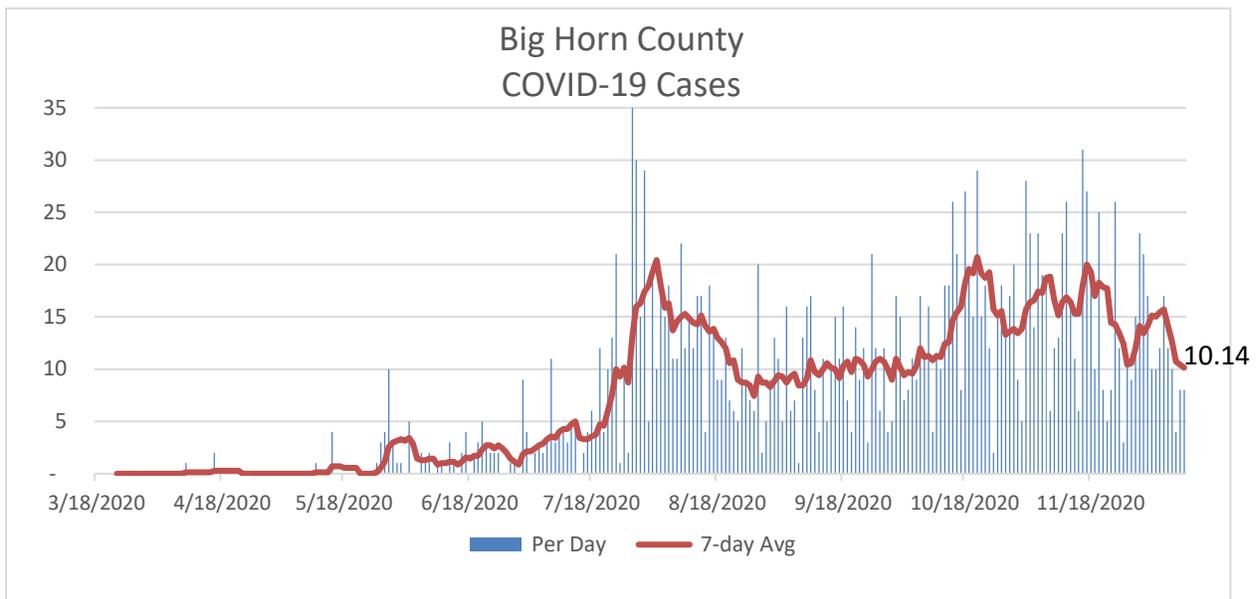
Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals
Under age 10	-	-	-
Age 10 – 19	-	-	-
Age 20 – 29	1	1	2
Age 30 – 39	3	2	5
Age 40 – 49	1	2	3
Age 50 – 59	3	-	3
Age 60 – 69	1	1	2
Over age 70	1	-	1
Totals	10	6	16

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	160	326			
Age 20 – 29	176	149	325			
Age 30 – 39	172	159	331			
Age 40 – 49	145	109	254			
Age 50 – 59	147	105	252			
Age 60 – 69	124	99	223			
Over age 70	96	66	162			
Totals	1,103	928	2,031	1,844	133	54

Recoveries in the County increased by 31 to 1,844. 54 persons are deceased. Of the 133 active cases, 118 patients are quarantining and recovering at home. The number of Big Horn County resident patients currently hospitalized in the region is 15.

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 (12/11/2020 to date)	128	6
Total since Pandemic Began	2,031	54



With the holiday season, it is more important than ever 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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