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Big Horn County Announces 17 Newly-confirmed Cases of COVID-19***Includes six (6) pre-teens and teenagers***

HARDIN, MONTANA (December 2, 2020) – Big Horn County added 17 new cases of COVID-19 on Wednesday, December 2, 2020. Six (6) patients were asymptomatic (without symptoms) and 11 presented with symptoms when tested. Seven (7) likely contracted the virus through community spread and 10 cases could be traced by public health to previously-known cases of coronavirus.

One (1) previously-reported patient, a man in his 30's, was removed from the total confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 below as he was later determined to be a resident of Rosebud County.

The new cases are:

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals
Under age 10	-	-	-
Age 10 – 19	2	4	6
Age 20 – 29	1	-	1
Age 30 – 39	1	-	1
Age 40 – 49	1	-	1
Age 50 – 59	2	2	4
Age 60 – 69	1	-	1
Over age 70	3	-	3
Totals	11	6	17

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

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active	Deaths
Under age 10	72	76	148			
Age 10 – 19	156	155	311			
Age 20 – 29	169	144	313			
Age 30 – 39	162	152	314			
Age 40 – 49	139	106	245			
Age 50 – 59	136	103	239			
Age 60 – 69	119	95	214			
Over age 70	92	64	156			
Totals	1,045	895	1,940	1,743	149	48

Recoveries in the County remain at 1,743. 48 persons are deceased. Of the 149 active cases, 130 patients are quarantining and recovering at home. The number of Big Horn County resident patients currently hospitalized in the region is 19.

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 (12/02/2020 to date)	37	-
Total since Pandemic Began	1,940	48

With the rising trend in new COVID-19 cases, 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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