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Big Horn County Announces 14 Newly-confirmed Cases of COVID-19

Includes five (5) teenagers and four (4) patients age 60 and over

HARDIN, MONTANA (November 27, 2020) – Big Horn County added three (3) new cases of COVID-19 on Thursday, November 26, 2020 and 11 new cases on Friday, November 27, 2020, for a two-day total of 14 newly-confirmed cases of the coronavirus. Three (3) patients were asymptomatic (without symptoms) and 11 presented with symptoms when tested. Seven (7) likely contracted the virus through community spread and seven (7) 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	3	2	5
Age 20 – 29	1	-	1
Age 30 – 39	1	-	1
Age 40 – 49	-	1	1
Age 50 – 59	2	-	2
Age 60 – 69	3	-	3
Over age 70	-	1	1
Totals	10	4	14

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

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active	Deaths
Under age 10	71	74	145			
Age 10 – 19	149	143	292			
Age 20 – 29	162	141	303			
Age 30 – 39	157	148	305			
Age 40 – 49	132	101	233			
Age 50 – 59	131	97	228			
Age 60 – 69	110	94	204			
Over age 70	86	61	147			
Totals	998	859	1,857	1,625	185	47

Recoveries in the County remain at 1,625. 47 persons are deceased. Of the 185 active cases, 162 patients are quarantining and recovering at home. The number of Big Horn County resident patients currently hospitalized in the region is 23.

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 (11/27/2020 to date)	427	7
Total since Pandemic Began	1,857	47

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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