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Big Horn County Announces 26 Newly-confirmed Cases of COVID-19

Includes eight (8) patients age 60 or over

HARDIN, MONTANA (November 24, 2020) – Big Horn County added 26 new cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday, November 24, 2020. Five (5) patients were asymptomatic (without symptoms) and 21 presented with symptoms when tested. Six (6) likely contracted the virus through community spread and 20 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	1	1	2
Age 10 – 19	5	-	5
Age 20 – 29	1	1	2
Age 30 – 39	2	1	3
Age 40 – 49	4	1	5
Age 50 – 59	-	1	1
Age 60 – 69	4	2	6
Over age 70	1	1	2
Totals	18	8	26

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	146	140	286			
Age 20 – 29	159	141	300			
Age 30 – 39	155	147	302			
Age 40 – 49	130	100	230			
Age 50 – 59	127	97	224			
Age 60 – 69	106	94	200			
Over age 70	85	59	144			
Totals	979	852	1,831	1,625	159	47

Recoveries in the County remain at 1,625. 47 persons are deceased. Of the 159 active cases, 136 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 (11/24/2020 to date)	401	7
Total since Pandemic Began	1,831	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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