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Big Horn County Announces 43rd Death from COVID-19***Six (6) newly-confirmed cases added***

HARDIN, MONTANA (November 15, 2020) – Big Horn County today announced the 43rd death of a County resident due to complications from the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The decedent is a woman in her 60's who was hospitalized prior to her death. She died yesterday, Saturday, November 14, 2020.

This is the 3rd death recorded in November. The County's fatality rate is 2.6% (43 deaths out of 1,672 total cases).

The Big Horn County COVID-19 Response Unified Coalition sends our most heartfelt thoughts and prayers to her family, friends, and the entire community of Big Horn County on her tragic loss.

Big Horn County added six (6) new cases of COVID-19 on Sunday, November 15, 2020. All six (6) patients presented with symptoms when tested. Two (2) cases were likely contracted through community spread and 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	-	1	1
Age 40 – 49	3	-	3
Age 50 – 59	2	-	2
Age 60 – 69	-	-	-
Over age 70	-	-	-
Totals	5	1	6

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

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active	Deaths
Under age 10	67	68	135			
Age 10 – 19	134	129	263			
Age 20 – 29	147	134	281			
Age 30 – 39	139	140	279			
Age 40 – 49	115	89	204			
Age 50 – 59	121	88	209			
Age 60 – 69	94	84	178			
Over age 70	74	49	123			
Totals	891	781	1,672	1,422	207	43

Four (4) cases attributed to the total for November 14, 2020 were removed from the totals above, as they were previously confirmed and accounted for. Those cases were a man in his 20's, a man in his 30's, a woman in her 30's, and a man in his 60's.

Recoveries in the County remain at 1,422. 43 persons are deceased. Of the 207 active cases, 186 patients are quarantining and recovering at home. The number of Big Horn County resident patients currently hospitalized in the region is 21.

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 (11/15/2020 to date)	242	3
Total since Pandemic Began	1,672	43

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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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>.