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Big Horn County Announces 37th Death from COVID-19
13 newly-confirmed cases of coronavirus

HARDIN, MONTANA (October 28, 2020) – Big Horn County today announced the 37th death of a County resident due to complications from the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The decedent is a man in his 50’s who was hospitalized prior to his death.

This is the 14th death recorded in October. The County’s fatality rate is 2.7% (37 deaths out of 1,384 total cases).

The Big Horn County COVID-19 Response Unified Coalition wishes his family, friends, and the entire community of Big Horn County peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Big Horn County added 13 new cases of COVID-19 on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. Four (4) patients were asymptomatic (without symptoms) when tested and nine (9) presented with symptoms. Five (5) patients were likely community spread and eight (8) could be traced to previously-known cases of coronavirus.

The new cases are:

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals
Under age 10	-	-	-
Age 10 – 19	4	2	6
Age 20 – 29	-	1	1
Age 30 – 39	1	-	1
Age 40 – 49	-	1	1
Age 50 – 59	-	-	-
Age 60 – 69	1	2	3
Over age 70	-	1	1
Totals	6	7	13

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

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active	Deaths
Under age 10	56	60	116			
Age 10 – 19	108	116	224			
Age 20 – 29	116	105	221			
Age 30 – 39	126	128	254			
Age 40 – 49	89	70	159			
Age 50 – 59	88	71	159			
Age 60 – 69	77	72	149			
Over age 70	61	41	102			
Totals	721	663	1,384	1,072	275	37

Over 10% of the County’s population (1,384 out of 13,338) have tested positive for COVID-19. Recoveries in Big Horn County remain at 1,072. 36 persons are deceased. Of the 275 active cases, 258 patients are quarantining and recovering at home. The number of Big Horn County resident patients currently hospitalized in the region is 17.

Month	Number of Cases	Number of Deaths
April	3	-
May	27	-
June	44	3
July	249	5
August	357	8
September	294	7
October to date (10/28/2020)	410	14
Total since Pandemic Began	1,384	37

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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