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**Big Horn County Announces 17 Newly-confirmed Cases of COVID-19**  
*Including three (3) over the age of 70*

**HARDIN, MONTANA** (October 26, 2020) – Big Horn County added two (2) new cases of COVID-19 on Sunday, October 25, 2020 and 15 new cases on Monday, October 26, 2020 for a two-day total of 17 newly-confirmed cases of the coronavirus. Five (5) patients were asymptomatic (without symptoms) when tested and 12 presented with symptoms. Five (5) patients were likely community spread and 12 could be traced to previously-known cases of coronavirus.

The new cases are:

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

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

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active	Deaths
Under age 10	56	58	114			
Age 10 – 19	103	111	214			
Age 20 – 29	116	102	218			
Age 30 – 39	122	127	249			
Age 40 – 49	88	68	156			
Age 50 – 59	87	71	158			
Age 60 – 69	76	69	145			
Over age 70	59	40	99			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>36</b>

Recoveries in Big Horn County remain at 1,072. 36 persons are deceased. Of the 245 active cases, 227 patients are quarantining and recovering at home. The number of Big Horn County resident patients currently hospitalized in the region is 18.

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 (10/26/2020)	379	13
<b>Total since Pandemic Began</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>36</b>

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>.