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**Big Horn County Announces 12 Newly-confirmed Cases of COVID-19**

***Total cases in October to date (362) exceed previous total monthly high (August, 357)***

**HARDIN, MONTANA** (October 25, 2020) – Big Horn County added 12 new cases of COVID-19 on Saturday, October 24, 2020. Three (3) patients were asymptomatic (without symptoms) when tested and nine (9) presented with symptoms. Five (5) patients were likely community spread and seven (7) could be traced to previously-known cases of coronavirus.

The new cases are:

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals
Under age 10	-	1	<b>1</b>
Age 10 – 19	-	2	<b>2</b>
Age 20 – 29	2	-	<b>2</b>
Age 30 – 39	2	-	<b>2</b>
Age 40 – 49	2	-	<b>2</b>
Age 50 – 59	1	-	<b>1</b>
Age 60 – 69	-	1	<b>1</b>
Over age 70	1	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</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	<b>114</b>			
Age 10 – 19	102	108	<b>210</b>			
Age 20 – 29	115	101	<b>216</b>			
Age 30 – 39	121	137	<b>248</b>			
Age 40 – 49	88	67	<b>155</b>			
Age 50 – 59	83	71	<b>154</b>			
Age 60 – 69	74	69	<b>143</b>			
Over age 70	57	39	<b>96</b>			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>36</b>

Recoveries in Big Horn County remain at 1,072. 36 persons are deceased. Of the 228 active cases, 208 patients are quarantining and recovering at home. The number of Big Horn County resident patients currently hospitalized in the region is 20.

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 (10/24/2020)	362	13
<b>Total since Pandemic Began</b>	<b>1,336</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>.