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Big Horn County Announces 32nd Death from COVID-19

18 newly-confirmed cases of the coronavirus

HARDIN, MONTANA (October 13, 2020) – Big Horn County today announced the death of another County resident due to complications from the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The decedent is a woman in her 70's who died on Monday, October 12, 2020. She had been hospitalized prior to her death.

With her passing, Big Horn County's death toll from COVID-19 has reached 32.

With heavy hearts, the Big Horn County COVID-19 Response Unified Coalition sends her family, friends, and the entire community of Big Horn County our warmest thoughts and prayers for comfort at this difficult time.

Big Horn County added 18 new cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. All of the 18 new patients presented with symptoms when tested. Five (5) patients were found through contact tracing of previously-reported patients and 13 likely contracted the virus through community spread, as there are no known contacts with previous cases at this time.

The new cases are:

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals
Under age 10	-	-	-
Age 10 – 19	1	1	2
Age 20 – 29	1	3	4
Age 30 – 39	-	-	-
Age 40 – 49	2	2	4
Age 50 – 59	3	-	3
Age 60 – 69	3	-	3
Over age 70	1	1	2
Totals	11	7	18

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

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active	Deaths
Under age 10	47	50	97			
Age 10 – 19	83	95	178			
Age 20 – 29	95	92	187			
Age 30 – 39	97	107	204			
Age 40 – 49	73	57	130			
Age 50 – 59	71	62	133			
Age 60 – 69	63	57	120			
Over age 70	46	33	79			
Totals	575	553	1,128	963	133	32

Recoveries in Big Horn County remain at 963. 32 persons are deceased. Of the 133 active cases, 116 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 (10/13/2020)	154	9
Total since Pandemic Began	1,128	32

As fall deepens and winter approaches, more activities are moving indoors, making the spread of the coronavirus more likely. 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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