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Big Horn County Announces 14 Newly-confirmed Cases of COVID-19

783 recoveries in the County; 210 cases in first three weeks of September

HARDIN, MONTANA (September 21, 2020) – Big Horn County added 14 new cases of COVID-19 on Monday, September 21, 2020. Twelve (12) patients presented with symptoms and two (2) were asymptomatic (without symptoms) when tested. Ten (10) likely contracted the virus through community spread, as there are no known contacts with previous cases at this time. Four (4) patients were found through contact tracing of previously-reported patients.

The new cases are:

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals
Under age 10	-	1	1
Age 10 – 19	2	1	3
Age 20 – 29	1	1	2
Age 30 – 39	3	-	3
Age 40 – 49	1	2	3
Age 50 – 59	-	-	-
Age 60 – 69	-	-	-
Over age 70	2	-	2
Totals	9	5	14

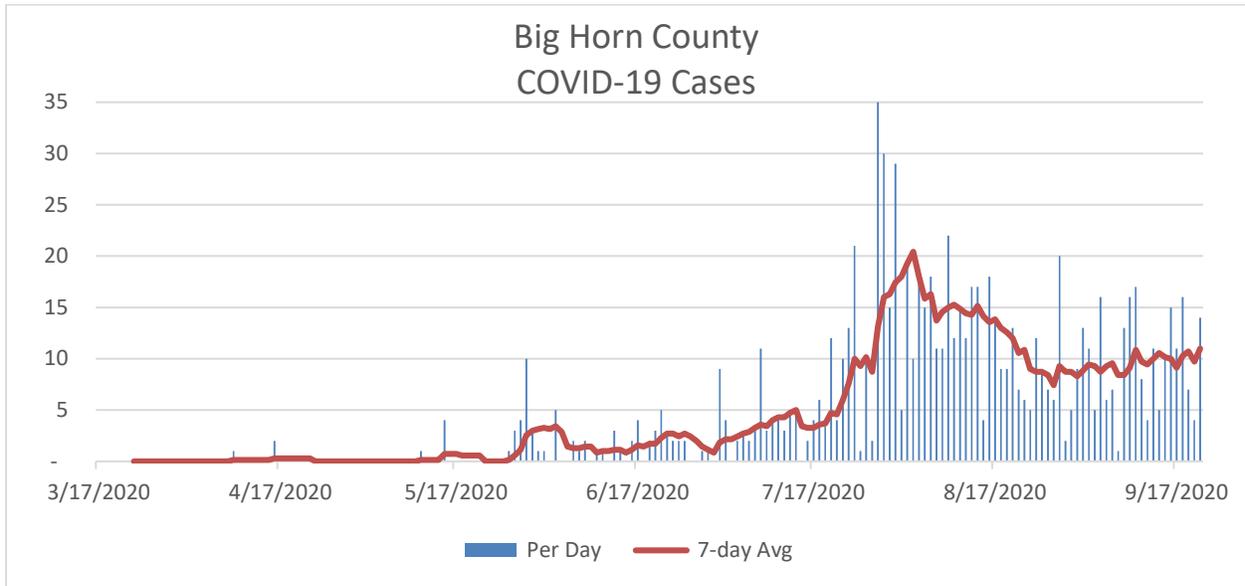
Total confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Big Horn County:

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active	Deaths
Under age 10	37	38	75			
Age 10 – 19	62	71	133			
Age 20 – 29	75	78	153			
Age 30 – 39	76	94	170			
Age 40 – 49	57	46	103			
Age 50 – 59	51	54	105			
Age 60 – 69	48	44	92			
Over age 70	37	22	59			
Totals	443	447	890	783	86	21

Recoveries in Big Horn County increased by 34 to 783. 21 persons are deceased. Of the 86 active cases, 77 patients are quarantining and recovering at home. The number of Big Horn County resident patients currently hospitalized is nine (9).

Month	Number of Cases
April	3
May	27
June	44
July	249
August	357
September to date (9/21/2020)	210

While the trend in newly-confirmed cases has flattened since the spike in late July and early August, Big Horn County has averaged 10-11 new cases per day of COVID-19 over the last week, up from 9-10 new cases per day on average in the previous three weeks.



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.

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>.