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Big Horn County Announces One (1) Newly-confirmed Case of COVID-19

Patient is a woman in her 20's

HARDIN, MONTANA (September 8, 2020) – Big Horn County added one (1) new case of COVID-19 on Monday, September 7, 2020. The patient is a female in her 20's who presented with symptoms and likely contracted the virus through community spread.

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

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active	Deaths
Under age 10	29	32	61			
Age 10 – 19	51	63	114			
Age 20 – 29	62	62	124			
Age 30 – 39	60	79	139			
Age 40 – 49	47	38	85			
Age 50 – 59	44	46	90			
Age 60 – 69	41	38	79			
Over age 70	29	18	47			
Totals	363	376	739	548	174	17

Recoveries in Big Horn County remain at 548. 17 persons are deceased. Of the 174 active cases, 159 patients are quarantining and recovering at home. The number of Big Horn County resident patients currently hospitalized is 15.

Month	Number of Cases
April	3
May	27
June	44
July	249
August	357
September to date (9/7/2020)	59

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

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>.