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**Big Horn County Reports 13 Newly-confirmed Cases of COVID-19**

***185 active cases in County; 134 recoveries***

**HARDIN, MONTANA** (August 1, 2020) – Big Horn County added eight (8) additional cases of COVID-19 on Friday and five (5) on Saturday, for a two-day total of 13. Of the newly-confirmed cases, six (6) patients were tested as a result of contact with previously-confirmed positive patients, and seven (7) likely contracted the virus through community spread, as there are no known contacts with previous cases at this time. Those who were asymptomatic when tested totaled nine (9) and four (4) patients presented with symptoms.

The new cases are:

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals
Under age 10	1	1	2
Age 10 – 19	1	-	1
Age 20 – 29	2	1	3
Age 30 – 39	2	2	4
Age 40 – 49	1	-	1
Age 50 – 59	-	-	-
Age 60 – 69	1	1	2
Over age 70	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>

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

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active	Deaths
Under age 10	13	20	33			
Age 10 – 19	22	21	43			
Age 20 – 29	28	19	47			
Age 30 – 39	26	39	65			
Age 40 – 49	21	22	43			
Age 50 – 59	16	23	39			
Age 60 – 69	20	20	40			
Over age 70	10	8	18			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>9</b>

Recoveries in Big Horn County increased by 24 to 134. Nine (9) persons are deceased. Of the 185 active cases, 177 patients are quarantining and recovering at home, and eight (8) patients are hospitalized.

Month	Number of Cases
April	3
May	27
June	44
July	249
August to date (8/1/2020)	5

Big Horn County wants to remind all residents of the County 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>.