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Big Horn County Reports 34 Newly-confirmed Cases of COVID-19

Three (3) additional patients hospitalized for a total of 10

HARDIN, MONTANA (July 24, 2020) – Big Horn County added 13 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 on Thursday and 21 on Friday for a two-day total of 34. All were symptomatic when tested. Eight of the cases were reported by the State this morning (Friday, July 24, 2020) on the COVID-19 dashboard map at <https://montana.maps.arcgis.com/>.

The new cases are:

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals
Under age 10	2	-	2
Age 10 – 19	2	1	3
Age 20 – 29	1	1	2
Age 30 – 39	2	4	6
Age 40 – 49	1	2	3
Age 50 – 59	3	2	5
Age 60 – 69	3	4	7
Over age 70	3	3	6
Totals	17	17	34

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

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active	Deaths
Under age 10	8	11	19			
Age 10 – 19	18	16	34			
Age 20 – 29	19	10	29			
Age 30 – 39	12	17	29			
Age 40 – 49	15	12	27			
Age 50 – 59	11	17	28			
Age 60 – 69	14	13	27			
Over age 70	9	6	15			
Totals	106	102	208	89	114	5

Recoveries in Big Horn County increased to 89. Five (5) persons are deceased. Of the 114 active cases, 104 patients are quarantining and recovering at home, and 10 patients are hospitalized.

Month	Number of Cases
April	3
May	27
June	44
July to date (7/24/2020)	129

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>.