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**Big Horn County Reports Eight (8) Newly-confirmed Cases of COVID-19*****Four (4) hospitalized***

**HARDIN, MONTANA** (July 8, 2020) – Big Horn County added eight (8) confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 on Wednesday. Six (6) of the patients presented with symptoms when tested; two (2) were asymptomatic and tested as part of contact tracing from previously-confirmed positive patients. One (1) additional patient was hospitalized today, bringing the total to four (4) hospitalizations.

The new cases are:

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

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

<b>Age Ranges</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>Recovered</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>Deaths</b>
Under age 10	5	8	<b>13</b>			
Age 10 – 19	10	11	<b>21</b>			
Age 20 – 29	12	5	<b>17</b>			
Age 30 – 39	6	7	<b>13</b>			
Age 40 – 49	6	5	<b>11</b>			
Age 50 – 59	3	8	<b>11</b>			
Age 60 – 69	6	8	<b>14</b>			
Over age 70	2	2	<b>4</b>			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4</b>

One (1) patient in her 20's was removed from the total confirmed positive cases previously reported, as it was later determined that she lives in another county. Recoveries in Big Horn County continue to total 63. Four (4) persons are deceased. Of the 37 active cases, 33 patients are quarantining and recovering at home, and four (4) patients are hospitalized.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>
April	3
May	27
June	44
July to date (7/8/2020)	30

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>.