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Big Horn County Reports Nine (9) Cases of COVID-19***Three (3) patients hospitalized***

HARDIN, MONTANA (July 1, 2020) – Big Horn County added nine (9) confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 between Tuesday night and Wednesday. Three (3) of the patients were included in the State of Montana’s COVID-19 numbers posted Wednesday morning on the COVID-19 map at <https://montana.maps.arcgis.com/> Of the nine patients, seven (7) were found through contact tracing and two (2) were not part of any current cluster in the County. Five (5) of the nine presented with symptoms and four (4) were asymptomatic when tested. The nine patients are:

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals
Under age 10	1	1	2
Age 10 – 19	1	-	1
Age 20 – 29	1	1	2
Age 30 – 39	-	1	1
Age 40 – 49	1	-	1
Age 50 – 59	-	2	2
Age 60 – 69	-	-	-
Over age 70	-	-	-
Totals	4	5	9

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

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active	Deaths
Under age 10	5	8	13			
Age 10 – 19	7	10	17			
Age 20 – 29	9	3	12			
Age 30 – 39	6	6	12			
Age 40 – 49	3	3	6			
Age 50 – 59	2	6	8			
Age 60 – 69	4	8	12			
Over age 70	1	2	3			
Totals	37	46	83	49	31	3

Recoveries in the County increased to 49, with six (6) new recoveries reported Wednesday. Three (3) persons are deceased. Of the 31 active cases, 28 patients are quarantining and recovering at home, and three (3) are currently hospitalized.

The Big Horn County Public Health Board met today and wants to remind all residents of Big Horn 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 unlikely to come within six (6) feet of other people while taking advantage of the outdoors in 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>.