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Big Horn County Reports Five (5) Newly-confirmed Cases of COVID-19

County has 26 active cases

HARDIN, MONTANA (June 22, 2020) – Big Horn County added five (5) confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 on Sunday, June 21, 2020. All five patients were found through contact tracing. The new positive cases are as follows:

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

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

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active	Deaths
Under age 10	4	6	10			
Age 10 – 19	6	9	15			
Age 20 – 29	7	2	9			
Age 30 – 39	5	3	8			
Age 40 – 49	1	2	3			
Age 50 – 59	2	4	6			
Age 60 – 69	3	6	9			
Over age 70	1	2	3			
Totals	29	34	63	34	26	3

Recoveries in the County total 34. Three (3) are deceased. Of the active cases, 24 patients are quarantining and recovering at home, and two (2) are currently hospitalized.

“As we’ve seen across the United States, the bulk of the new cases of COVID-19 in Big Horn County over the past month have been people under the age of 35,” said George Real Bird III, Big Horn County Board of Commissioners and Public Health Board Chairman. “The Commissioners are looking at innovative ways to encourage young people to wear masks to prevent the spread of this virus to their elders and other more vulnerable family members.”

Reusable cloth masks are available free of charge from the Big Horn County Public Health Department at 809 N. Custer Ave. in Hardin. Public Health also has received donations of fabric and other materials for those who might want to sew their own masks.

Public health nurses want to remind all residents of Big Horn County of the best ways to prevent the transmission of this illness: stay home; wash your hands thoroughly and often; clean and sanitize frequently touched surfaces and items; wear a mask when in public; stay at least six (6) feet away from other people; and avoid travel out of the County if at all possible. And if you are feeling sick, do not go to work or leave your home; rather, contact your healthcare provider for guidance.

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>.