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**Big Horn County
Confirms One (1) New Case of COVID-19
*Five (5) hospitalized in County***

HARDIN, MONTANA (June 11, 2020) – Big Horn County added one (1) confirmed positive case of COVID-19 on Thursday. The patient is a male in his 30's who was tested due to symptoms and is not known to be related to any current clusters in the County. The Big Horn County Public Health Department and Indian Health Service (IHS) Public Health Nursing are tracing the contacts of this new case. All close contacts will be notified, interviewed, and given instructions for further action if required.

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

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active	Deaths
Under age 10	1	4	5			
Age 10 – 19	5	6	11			
Age 20 – 29	5	1	6			
Age 30 – 39	3	2	5			
Age 40 – 49	-	2	2			
Age 50 – 59	1	4	5			
Age 60 – 69	2	4	6			
Over age 70	1	2	3			
Totals	18	25	43	19	23	1

Recoveries in the County total 19. One (1) person is deceased. 18 patients are quarantining and recovering at home and five (5) patients are hospitalized as follows:

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

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, if you can; wear a mask when in public; stay at least six (6) feet away from other people; wash your hands thoroughly and often; clean and sanitize frequently touched surfaces and items; 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: (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>.