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Big Horn County Announces 13 Newly-confirmed Cases of COVID-19

2,002 total cases since pandemic began; 15% of County's population

HARDIN, MONTANA (December 7, 2020) – Big Horn County added 13 new cases of COVID-19 on Monday, December 7, 2020. Three (3) patients were asymptomatic (without symptoms) and 10 presented with symptoms when tested. Seven (7) likely contracted the virus through community spread and six (6) cases could be traced by public health to previously-known cases of coronavirus.

The new cases are:

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals
Under age 10	1	2	3
Age 10 – 19	-	-	-
Age 20 – 29	-	2	2
Age 30 – 39	2	1	3
Age 40 – 49	-	-	-
Age 50 – 59	3	-	3
Age 60 – 69	1	-	1
Over age 70	1	-	1
Totals	8	5	13

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

Age Ranges	Female	Male	Totals	Recovered	Active	Deaths
Under age 10	76	81	157			
Age 10 – 19	163	159	322			
Age 20 – 29	175	146	321			
Age 30 – 39	168	157	325			
Age 40 – 49	144	107	251			
Age 50 – 59	143	103	246			
Age 60 – 69	122	97	219			
Over age 70	95	66	161			
Totals	1,086	916	2,002	1,813	139	50

Total cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic began reached 2,002 or just over 15% of the County's approximately 13,300-person population. Recoveries in the County increased by 70 to 1,813. 50 persons are deceased. Of the 139 active cases, 121 patients are quarantining and recovering at home. The number of Big Horn County resident patients currently hospitalized in the region is 18.

Month	Number of Cases	Number of Deaths
April	3	-
May	27	-
June	44	3
July	249	5
August	357	8
September	294	7
October	456	17
November	473	8
December (12/07/2020 to date)	99	2
Total since Pandemic Began	2,002	50

With the rising trend in new COVID-19 cases, it is more important than ever to follow the three W's: Wash your hands; Watch your distance from other people; Wear a mask. The County asks all residents to please continue stay home more often and to avoid events or gatherings. Also, the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Public Health ask everyone 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 outside.

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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