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Big Horn County Announces 68th Death from COVID-19

Deceased is a woman in her 60's

HARDIN, MONTANA (February 4, 2021) – Big Horn County today announced the 68th death of a County resident due to complications from the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The decedent is a woman in her 60's who was hospitalized prior to her death on Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

The Big Horn County COVID-19 Response Unified Coalition deeply saddened to learn of her passing and extends our deepest sympathies to her family and all who knew her on her tragic loss.

This is the first death of a County resident recorded in February. The County's fatality rate is 3.0% (68 deaths out of 2,281 total cases).

Month	Number of Cases	Number of Deaths
April	3	-
May	27	-
June	44	3
July	249	5
August	357	8
September	294	6
October	456	17
November	473	8
December	262	16
January	92	4
February (02/03/2021 to date)	24	1
Total since Pandemic Began	2,281	68

Let's keep the new case numbers low! Even if you have recently received the first dose of a vaccine against COVID-19, it is important 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.

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

To schedule an appointment with the Big Horn County Health Department for a COVID-19 vaccine, please call 406-665-8777 and leave a message with your name (please spell your name), age, date of birth, phone number, phase that you think you should be in for vaccination (1A, 1B, 1C or 2), and your

pre-existing conditions. **OR** click on the following link to use our Google doc for fast, easy registration for phases 1C or 2:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe2pyXknzY7rpvpED8FPtRcq42ehCyswRsemwQ1D0TvJPP9Ag/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BHCMTResponds> for more information on how to schedule your COVID-19 vaccination in Big Horn County.

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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>.