



# PUBLIC HEALTH

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## RAVALLI COUNTY COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

June 26, 2020.... As of 5 pm. today Ravalli County has received notification of 1 new positive case and we are treating this as community spread. We are unable to trace this case back to travel or exposure to another case. This case is a woman in her 70's and a resident of the County. This person is in isolation at home and contact tracing has been initiated. Close contacts are asked to quarantine and monitor for symptoms.

Ravalli County now has 8 active cases. Ravalli County's active cases are not all counted on the State map due to cases having out of state addresses. All of these cases are in isolation and their contacts are in quarantine.

Overall, Ravalli County has had 27 cases of COVID-19. The Montana map will show only 24, due to three cases having out of state addresses. All have had contact tracing, originally isolated and their contacts were quarantined. When their isolation time period is over, they are notified by Public Health they can come out of isolation if they no longer have any symptoms. If contacts do not develop symptoms in 14 days, they are also released from quarantine.

Not all of our cases have had symptoms when they were tested. Through contact tracing, we have referred people to be tested and they have come back positive.

Some of our cases have had severe COVID-19 symptoms such as fever, headache, sore throat, muscle pain, cough and shortness of breath. Two of the 26 cases have been hospitalized and recovered.

COVID-19 is a serious viral disease that can cause severe illness and even death. There is no vaccine or readily available treatment. It can be transmitted by people who are unaware that they are infected. Therefore, Ravalli County Public Health Department continues to stress that masks and physical distancing are measures proven to reduce the spread of COVID-19. We encourage people to be cautious, wear masks, and try to maintain a 6-foot physical distance.

Please remember that people in our county are vulnerable to this disease – such as those taking certain medications or with weakened immune systems. Their lives could be threatened by being infected. Others at high risk include the elderly and people with underlying conditions, such as asthma and autoimmune diseases.

It's up to everyone to protect ourselves and our neighbors.

Call 406-375-6672 with questions regarding COVID-19.

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