



PUBLIC HEALTH

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RAVALLI COUNTY COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

June 27, 2020.... Since the last press release Ravalli County has received notification of 6 new cases. Three of these are confirmed and three are presumptive, we are waiting on confirmation from the State Lab. At this time, Ravalli County has 14 cases we are investigating and doing contact tracing.

Ravalli County's active cases are not all counted on the State map due to cases having out of state addresses.

The information for these 6 new cases are as follows:

Male 70-80, hospitalized (presumptive)

Male 10-20 (presumptive)

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Male 50-60 (confirmed)

Male 50-60 (confirmed)

Female 40-50 (confirmed)

All of these cases are in isolation and their contacts are in quarantine.

Overall, Ravalli County has had 32 cases of COVID-19. The Montana map will show only 29, 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. 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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