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RAVALLI COUNTY COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Hamilton, Mont. – As of 4pm today, Ravalli County Public Health has received **no new cases of COVID-19. Ravalli County currently has seven active cases of COVID-19.**

It has been 28 days since the Governor’s Mask Directive went into effect.

- This period of time represents two incubation periods for COVID-19.
- For the first time since late June, Ravalli County now has less than 10 active cases.
- More people wearing masks has been shown to slow the rate of viral transmission.
 - In an editorial published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), CDC reviewed the latest science and affirms that cloth face coverings are a critical tool in the fight against COVID-19 that could reduce the spread of the disease, particularly when used universally within communities. There is increasing evidence that cloth face coverings help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others.
 - <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/10.1001/jama.2020.13107external icon>
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/p0714-americans-to-wear-masks.html>
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>
- Community involvement in the form of adherence to Public Health recommendations continues to be the single greatest factor in slowing the transmission of COVID-19.

Following Public Health guidelines can help to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community:

- Keep your social circle as small as possible.
- Wash your hands often and thoroughly.
- Wear a mask when in public or when interacting with people.
- Maintain a minimum distance of six feet from others.

If you have any questions regarding COVID-19, please call: (406) 375-6672.

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