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**RAVALLI COUNTY COVID-19
PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE**

Hamilton, Mont. – Ravalli County Public Health had **48 new cases reported for Friday 12/11/20 and 37 cases for Saturday. Total open investigations as of 4 pm today is 436.** There were no cases reported on Sunday 12/13/20 as the state reporting system was off line undergoing updates.

Vaccine for COVID-19 began to ship this week with 9750 doses of the Pfizer vaccine requiring the deep cold storage going to large hospitals for front line workers. A second shipment of 18,000 doses of Moderna vaccine are set to arrive in Montana next week. Those doses will be distributed among hospitals, Public Health and EMS for front line workers. The second shipment of Pfizer, no exact numbers yet, will also arrive next week through CVS/Walgreens. Those doses will go out to long-term care facilities with a third shipment arriving after Christmas.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, ACIP, has made recommendation on training programs that must be completed by healthcare workers before they can administer the vaccine. The training will be provided by the Montana Department of Health and Human Services. The state has not released the dates for training as of yet. <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html>

Public Health Director, Tiffany Webber would like to thank the fine folks down at the Office of Emergency Management for their assistance with planning the upcoming vaccination clinics.

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