

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 12/24/20

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

Hamilton, Mont. – Ravalli County Public Health is reporting 24 cases for Tuesday 12/22 and 18 cases for Wednesday 12/23. The active open case count was 252 Wednesday at 4pm. Ravalli County continues to see lower positive case numbers. While there is still no definite determination for the lower numbers, looking around our community and seeing the majority of residents preparing for the holidays, all the while applying the guidelines, is proof enough that we can come together to protect the health and safety of all our residents.

Ravalli County Public Health will continue contact tracing through today but will not be contacting positives after 3pm today. The state lab will be closed on Christmas day and contact tracing will be suspended. Those services will resume on Saturday 12.26.20.

Public Health continues to train this week in preparation for dispensing vaccine next week. We are in Phase 1A, front line healthcare workers. We have begun to take names of those Phase 1B critical frontline workers in preparation of receiving more vaccine.

Just a reminder that residents are encouraged to log on to the sheriff app to take the Vaccine Readiness Survey. The survey will be available until January 4, 2021.

Public Health would like to wish all our residents a safe and happy holiday. While it may not look like Christmas past, we encourage you to keep your cohort groups small and remain vigilant. Stay Strong!

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