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

Hamilton, Mont. – Ravalli County Public Health is reporting 22 new cases for the weekend with 141 active cases as of 4pm. Just a reminder to follow the WWW guidelines: Wear a mask, Wash your hands and Watch your distance.

At this time, we are asking residents of Ravalli County not to call Public Health, the Emergency Operations Center, or other County departments or offices in regards to the COVID-19 vaccine. Public Health received over 2,600 phone calls this morning from individuals wanting information on the vaccine and appointments.

We are aware that there is an unprecedented demand for this vaccine in our community. Public Health has received 200 doses of vaccine at this point- much less than the amount needed to meet the demand. We understand that our Community wants information about the distribution of the vaccine- we will provide updates as soon and as often as we have new information.

We do not know the amounts or timing of any future vaccine shipments. Unfortunately, this process may take up to six months or more to complete. We are committed to continue this effort until every resident of Ravalli County who wants the vaccine is able to receive it.

Stay Strong!

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