

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 7, 2021**

**RAVALLI COUNTY COVID UPDATE  
PUBLIC HEALTH**

Hamilton, Mont. Ravalli County Public Health is reporting 23 new cases for the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup>. Public Health has 33 open cases as of 4pm today. Public Health staff continue to provide education and support for those case and their close contacts. Close contact quarantine instructions can be found on the county website @ <https://ravalli.us/631/Corona-Virus-COVID-19>. The instructions have been updated to reflect CDC's reduce quarantine options. A reminder that anyone diagnosed with COVID in the last 90 days or individuals fully immunized do not need to quarantine.

Public Health continues to offer Pfizer and Moderna at our Annex location on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and State Street. Johnson & Johnson is available at our main clinic on Bedford on Thursday. Vaccine appointments are available for anyone 16 and older for Pfizer and 18 and older for Johnson & Johnson. We are no longer taking "notice of intent" registration. If you have already registered and have not gotten a call to schedule, Public Health request that you call the office to make an appointment, 375-6672. Additional local vaccine providers can be found @ <https://www.vaccines.gov/>.

Public Health is happy to announce that it will begin to offer adult and childhood vaccines by appointment only on Wednesdays beginning June 2, 2021. We are also fitting children under 18 for bike/skate helmets through our Skull Savers program. Walk-ins are welcome. Summer is officially here and we remind residents to continue to follow the guidance, watch your distance, wash your hands and wear a mask when appropriate.

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