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**RAVALLI COUNTY  
PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE**

Ravalli County Public Health would like to involve the public in a growing need for volunteers at our local long-term and assisted living facilities. Over the last few weeks we have received information from more than a few of our local long-term and assisted living care facilities regarding a need for caregivers as well as other support services. COVID does play a contributing factor in that need. With cases increasing daily, we have seen more cases in those facilities among staff and residents. We are encouraging anyone interested in volunteering time, especially anyone with health care background that wants to get involved to call your local long-term care or assisted living facilities to find out how you can help.

Public Health is also encouraging anyone interested in volunteering or providing services to sign up through **Montana Healthcare, Mutual Aid System. MHMAS** is a *secure, web-based online registration system used to register, verify and credential volunteer health care professionals*. The system is open to medical professionals as well as non-medical professionals looking for the opportunity to help respond to incidents. For more information visit: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/phep/mhmas>.

Public Health would like to thank all the men and women working tirelessly in our long-term care and assisted living facilities. We applaud their efforts in providing care for one of our most vulnerable populations. Thank you for all you do.

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