

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 11/19/2021**

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

Hamilton, Mont...Ravalli County Public Health will be offering the pediatric Pfizer beginning next Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Please call to schedule an appointment. Appointments for adult Covid vaccine is available on Mondays and Tuesdays, with walk-ins welcome between 9 am and 4pm on Tuesdays, closed over the noon hour.

Public Health is seeing a steady decline in daily reported positive cases to the local health department. Total active cases in isolation as of 4pm today is 77. The total number may not accurately reflect all positive cases, as we are aware that not all residents are reporting positive results to Public Health with use of home testing kits. A reminder to residents with regards to home testing, reporting is recommended and necessary if an isolation letter or release of isolation letter is needed for work/school/travel or other purposes. The form for reporting can be found on the Public Health website @ <https://ravalli.us/207/Public-Health> or residents can call Public Health at 406-375-6672.

This week's case counts:

11/15: 10 reported cases.

11/16: 3 reported cases

11/17: 7 reported cases

11/18: 13 reported cases.

11/19: 11 reported cases

Public Health encourages residents to continue to follow as many of the prevention strategies, as possible, to reduce the risk of illness. These prevention strategies work great for any respiratory illness.

- Vaccination
- Covering coughs and sneezes
- Wearing a mask in public indoor settings were physical distancing is difficult,
- Frequent hand washing and
- Staying home when sick

With cold and flu season upon us, every precaution we can take as individuals will helps us all stay healthy, attending events, going to work and staying in person at school.

Public Health would like to thank Pete and Jenny Seifert and all their staff at Bitterroot Drug for the continued dedication to the community in providing home testing and vaccine to our community.

For more comprehensive data regarding COVID-19 analysis, case counts and vaccination rates, visit the Montana Department of Health and Human Services webpage @ <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/CoronavirusMT/demographics>.

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