



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Madison County 2<sup>nd</sup> Positive COVID-19 Case**

On March 24, 2020, the Madison County Public Health Department confirmed the second case of COVID-19 in Madison County. A total of 52 cases have been confirmed in the State of Montana as of this evening.

Melissa Brummell, RN, Public Health Director with Madison County Public Health advises the individual who tested positive for the coronavirus in Madison County is a gentleman in his 70s who has had limited contact with the public prior to, and after becoming ill. He had no known contact with the other Madison County COVID-19 positive case.

Brummell said the individual's diligence to stay home while symptomatic prevented exposure to the public. Health department staff have contacted all those that were exposed and are working with them regarding their risks and quarantine measures.

The healthcare facility in which he was tested used the correct precautions to limit the exposure to staff and others. At this time, health officials are not disclosing the individual's name nor where in Madison County he resides, according to Brummell.

Cases of COVID-19 have ranged from people with little to no symptoms to severe illness and death. The CDC expects cases to continue to be confirmed and would like families and individuals to prepare to take action to help prevent the spread of the virus.

The website Ready.gov provides family emergency plans and checklists to help prepare for disease outbreaks and other situations. The best way to stop the spread of infectious viruses is by washing your hands, covering coughs and sneezes, eating healthy, cleaning surfaces often and staying home if you are sick.

As this situation evolves, the public can find accurate and timely information on COVID-19 through the CDC's website, [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19) and social media channels.