



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **COVID-19 Virus Madison County 4th Positive Case and 1 Death**

On March 28, 2020, the Madison County Public Health Department confirmed the fourth case of COVID-19 in Madison County including one death. There have been 154 cases confirmed in the State of Montana as of Sunday morning compared to the previously reported total Saturday evening of 147 cases. Madison County has had 44 test results returned, with four testing positive as of date.

Regrettably, yesterday evening one of our Madison County resident lost their battle against the COVID-19 virus. We hope that this is the last life that will be lost against this invisible enemy.

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 female resident in her senior years. This case had direct contact to another COVID-19 positive case. All of the individuals in close contact have been notified and are on a 14-day home quarantine.

You can help decrease the amount of people that are exposed to the virus by following the Stay-At-Home Order and by following basic prevention as listed below.

If you are a member of the public and are concerned about being tested for COVID-19, please contact your primary care provider. Symptoms of the COVID-19 virus can include fever, cough and/or shortness of breath.

Montana state and local public health officials are monitoring the novel coronavirus disease situation very closely. Governor's Coronavirus Task Force.

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses, you can take simple steps to protect yourself and your family:

- Stay home if you are sick;
- Avoid contact with sick people when possible;
- Cover your cough and sneezes with the crook of your elbow or a tissue;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth and wash your hands frequently; and
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

Call ahead to a healthcare professional if you develop a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as cough or difficulty breathing, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently traveled to an area with ongoing spread. Tell your healthcare professional about your recent travel or contact. Your healthcare professional will work with your state's public health department and the CDC to determine if you need to be tested for COVID-19.

Visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/steps-when-sick.html> to find out more. 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.