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Madison County Update COVID-19 Virus

Madison County Public Health Department reports 64 negative test results with eight positive cases of COVID-19 in Madison County including one death. In the State of Montana 299 confirmed cases and six deaths were reported on the morning of April 6. A ninth case was reported but the person lives in a neighboring county and that case will be transferred to their jurisdiction.

Melissa Brummell, RN, Public Health Director with Madison County Public Health advises the two individuals who tested positive over the weekend for the coronavirus in Madison County did have direct contact with other COVID-19 positive cases. They were already taking the necessary precautions to prevent further spread of the virus. All of the individuals in close contact have been notified and are on a 14-day home quarantine.

If you are a member of the public and are concerned about getting tested for COVID-19, please contact your primary care provider.

Montana state and local public health officials are monitoring the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) situation very closely. In addition, the Montana public health agencies and the Governor's Coronavirus Task Force are actively working to limit the spread of novel coronavirus in Montana.

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

- Follow Governor Bullock's Directive to stay at home to slow the spread of COVID-19,
- 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.

Visit: <https://montana.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries> for the MONTANA RESPONSE: COVID-19-Coronavirus - Global, National, and State Information Resources 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.

Madison County Disaster Emergency Services hosts Monday, Wednesday, and Friday community updates at 10:00 am via GoToMeeting. How to access these meetings is posted on the Madison County Public Health Facebook page.