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Madison County Public Health COVID-19 Update

July 18, 2020, Melissa Brummell, RN, Public Health Director reports 11 new positive COVID-19 cases since July 12, 2020, making 44 positive cases with 24 cases being active. All active positive cases are in isolation. In the past week we have an additional 100 individuals listed as close contact with the new positive cases. Close contacts are being notified and will be on a 14-day quarantine period to help decrease the spread of the virus.

Brummell, stressed that “No” personal information concerning the location of the new cases may be disclosed due to the individual’s right to privacy and protective health information.

In addition, the State of Montana reported today 131,879 individuals in total have been tested with 106 new positive cases for the virus today, making 2,471 including 37 deaths at the time of this press release. Additional, information concerning the State of Montana’s COVID-19 cases may be found at: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/coronavirusmt/demographics>

On July 16, 2020, the Madison County Board of Health held a quarterly meeting. After discussion and public comment, the Board of Health stressed that many of the business owners may not understand the proper procedures to deal with the virus. They strongly recommended that businesses who may have been in contact with someone who tested positive for the coronavirus should contact the Public Health Department for guidance.

The Board also discussed the Governor Bullock’s July 15, 2020, Directive implementing Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020 providing for the “*mandatory*” use of face covering in certain settings. The next Special COVID-19 Board of Health meeting will be held via computer/phone on July 30, 2020, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The agenda will be posted prior on the Madison County website: <https://madisoncountymt.gov/>

The Madison County Public Health Department is available during normal business hours to answer questions about COVID-19 by phone at 406.843.4295. For additional information concerning COVID-19, visit the [Public Health’s website at: https://madisoncountymt.gov/230/Public-Health](https://madisoncountymt.gov/230/Public-Health)

Please contact the Madison County Sanitarian Department at 406.843.4275 for information relating to business licensures and sanitation.

Visit DPHHS’ website at: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/coronavirusmt> for additional information.

