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Madison County Public Health COVID-19 Update

July 23, 2020, Melissa Brummell, RN, Public Health Director reports five new positive COVID-19 cases since July 18, 2020, making 52 positive cases with 16 cases being active. All active positive cases are in isolation. In the past week we have had an additional 68 individuals listed as close contact with the new positive cases. Close contacts have been notified and will be on a 14-day quarantine period to help decrease the spread of the virus.

Brummell, says that we are seeing a variety of symptoms associated with COVID-19 ranging from extremely mild to severe. Many people during investigation for COVID-19 identified “seasonal allergy” like symptoms including scratchy throat, runny nose and watery eyes. We are also seeing body aches including backaches especially between the shoulder blades and diarrhea and/or nausea. Of note, for cases in Madison County we are not seeing a large population of positive individuals with a fever. Please do not use fever as the only guidance for symptoms. It is extremely important if you are having “ANY” symptoms associated with COVID-19, no matter how mild, that you do not attend work or social events. Large portions of those that are on quarantine were around someone on their first day of symptoms.

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 146,218 individuals in total have been tested with 97 new positive cases for the virus today, making 2,910 including 43 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 Tuesday, July 21, 2020, the Public Health Department held their first public education meeting concerning the coronavirus. Additional, meetings will be held via computer/phone on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM, information will be available on the Madison County website: <https://madisoncountymt.gov/>

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>

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.

