



## PRESS RELEASE

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### Madison County Public Health COVID-19 Update

Today Melissa Brummell, RN, Public Health Director reported 11 new positive COVID-19 since July 23, 2020, making 63 positive cases with 12 still being active. In addition, 4 seasonal residents have tested positive in the last week with 2 cases still active. The recent coronavirus cases range in ages from the 20s to the 80s. To date, 46.5% of Madison County cases are age 60 and older, whereas the state of Montana is 21% for this age group. In the past week, we have had 63 individuals listed as close contacts of the new positive cases. Close contacts have been notified and will be in a 14-day quarantine period to help decrease the spread of the virus.

The new cases are located across Madison County and are related to community transmission, contact with known cases and travel.

Please note that local data may differ from data provided by the state as the Madison County Public Health Department may be alerted to additional cases before the state page is updated.

In addition, the State of Montana reported today 161,408 individuals have been tested to date with 94 new positive cases today, making 3,475 cases including 51 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>

A state directive is currently in place requiring face coverings be worn by most people in public spaces in Madison County. In addition, we need everyone to do more than just wear face coverings to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Reduce the number of close contacts you have as much as possible. Avoid crowded spaces. Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently. Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces. In addition, stay at home and contact a doctor if you are sick.

On Tuesday, July 28, 2020, the Public Health Department will hold the second public education meeting concerning the coronavirus at 6:00 p.m. information will be available on the Madison County Public Health Department Facebook page and the Madison County Emergency Management Facebook page.

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 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.