



## PRESS RELEASE

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### Madison County Public Health COVID-19 Update

On November 13, 2020, Melissa Brummell, RN, Public Health Director, reported 64 new positive COVID-19 cases in the past 7 days, making 297 total positive cases with 68 currently active. The past week's coronavirus cases include 6 children/adolescents between 0-19, 15 adults 20-39, 16 adults 40-59, 23 adults between 60-79 and 4 adults 80 and older. To date 40% of Madison County cases are age 60 and older and 11% are 19 or younger. Currently 201 individuals are identified as close contacts. They will be in 14-day quarantine to help decrease the spread of the virus.

The State of Montana reported 44,173 coronavirus positive cases including 472 deaths at the time of this press release. Additional information concerning the State of Montana's COVID-19 cases can be found at: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/coronavirusmt/demographics>

On November 10, 2020, Brummell updated the Madison County Commissioners during her weekly report. She advised that Van Puckett, Director of Environmental Health, would begin providing additional education to local businesses. This will be done through in person visits from the Sanitarian's staff and through direct mailings. Brummell also indicated that any business owners who have questions about their responsibilities to the public during this Pandemic should contact the Madison County Sanitarian Department at 406.843.4275 for guidance.

In addition, business owners are encouraged to support Governor Bullock's Executive Orders including the July 15, 2020 Directive implementing Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020 for the mandatory use of face coverings in certain settings.

A state directive is currently in place requiring face coverings to 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.

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

- Social distance yourself from others.
- 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.
- Use a cloth face-covering while in public.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

Call ahead to a healthcare professional if you have a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as cough or difficulty breathing. It is recommend to stay at home unless you develop any of the following symptoms including fatigue, body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting and/or diarrhea and need medical care.

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>

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