

June 11, 2020 "Treat COVID like FIRE, so spread isn't DIRE"

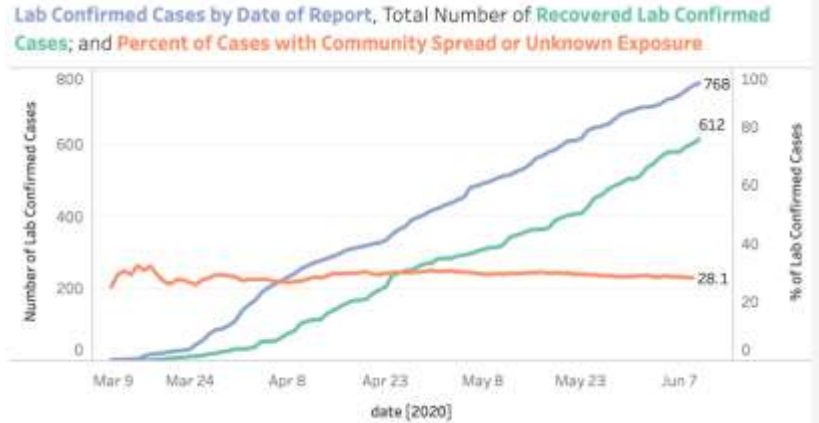
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Big Horn County

COVID-19 Update/Response

For Immediate Release

COVID-19 update: as of June 11th, at 9:30a, Wyoming has a total of **18** deaths related to COVID-19. **769** – laboratory-confirmed cases, **212** – probable cases and **612** recovered.



Big Horn County has 9 confirmed

cases in our county. We have great respect for those that are being responsible. Business owners have been fantastic and strive to keep employees healthy, and employed as well as our community safe. We expected positive cases and currently have some businesses impacted in the county. Please, we encourage you to support local businesses.

We have all been working to get back to normal. The State Health Officer has been good to approve variance exceptions for graduation ceremonies, Rodeos, Gun Shows and Days of 49 celebrations. The Governor and State Health Officer have also announced that gatherings can, as of June 15th, be increased to 50. We need to remain vigilant and not complacent.

Our neighbor, Utah, has now moved into the #2 state in the US for COVID spread. "On Saturday 546 new cases were reported the highest in Utah since the pandemic started."

The virus still exists and we need to be cautious.



<https://www.abc4.com/news/utah-now-the-number-2-hot-spot-for-coronavirus-transmission-in-the-us/?fbclid=IwAR1OqZmA8HGLRSrVBRYgXYS9cZNNY1gWzG0aXwA4p61T27-TFv6-u1YhRiw>

As this virus spreads through our community and continues to impact our businesses, we need to continue to be careful. Just as you would plan appropriately for fires, avoid spread by using mitigation strategies.

The only current mitigation strategies we have against COVID-19 are Time, Distance and Shielding

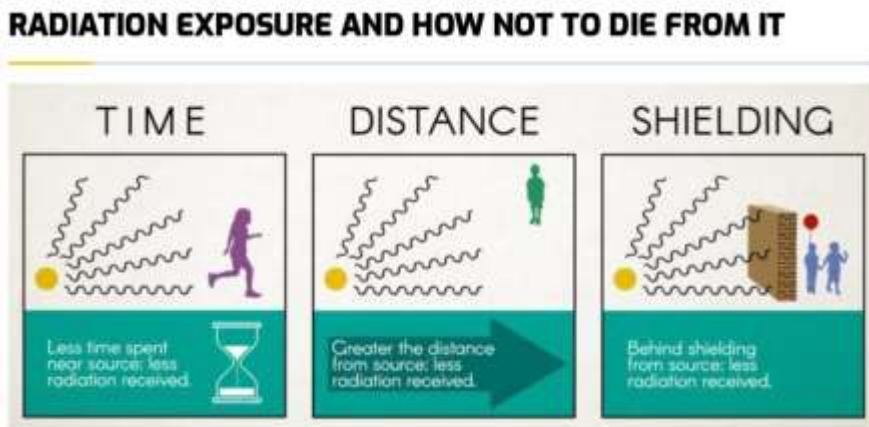
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2. **Social distancing** and
3. **Shielding with face coverings.**

Face coverings do work

The following illustrations are not meant to cause fear, they are simply to shed light on how easily things can spread and expand.

“However, when a wildfire spreads, it can simultaneously expose dozens — sometimes hundreds — of homes to potential ignition. In situations such as this, firefighters often do not have the resources to defend every home. Homeowners who take proactive steps to reduce their homes’ vulnerability have a far greater chance of having their homes withstand a wildfire.”
National Wildfire Coordinating Group

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We are using same principles we use protect against exposure to very small and harmful radiation particles with:

1. Reducing exposure time - **Staying home,**
2. **Social distancing** and
3. **Shielding with face coverings.**

Face coverings do work.

As the County opens up further, we encourage you to respect the proven methods that we know work to protect yourself and others. Respect those who are high risk and concerned, understand their situations. Please support and protect them as we all begin healing from the last few months.

Together we can all move forward!

“Treat COVID like FIRE, so spread isn’t DIRE”

Respectfully,
David Weston, Fairbanks, MD, FAAFP
Big Horn County Health Officer
and the entire
Big Horn County Incident Management Team

For Sources of Information on COVID-19:

1. Big Horn County Public Health Website:
<https://www.bighorncountywy.gov>
2. Big Horn County COVID-19 INFORMATION LINE
307-568-4031
Or Email us @ covid-19@bighorncountywy.gov
3. Park County Public Health Coronavirus
Information Line: 754-1870 or 527-1870
(Updated regularly). Big Horn County may use this.



4. Up to date announcements from Wyoming Department of Health as they are released Wyoming Department of Health
Website: <https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/infectious-disease-epidemiology-unit/disease/novel-coronavirus>.
5. CDC Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>
6. Wyoming Department of Health State Orders:
<https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/infectious-disease-epidemiology-unit/disease/novel-coronavirus/covid-19-orders-and-guidance/>