

October 16, 2020 “Red Zone defense is our best common sense.”
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Big Horn County
COVID-19 Update/Response

For Immediate Release

COVID-19 Case Update 3:00 PM Thursday October 15, 2020

Big Horn County

105 – laboratory-confirmed cases
35 – active cases
78 – confirmed cases recovered
2 – COVID-19 related deaths

State of Wyoming

7,089 - laboratory-confirmed cases
1,286 - probable cases
5,427 – confirmed cases recovered
57 - COVID-19 related deaths

This represents an uptick in new cases for Big Horn County and the State.

Tracking statistics indicate the fastest growing groups are children and young adults, with big jumps this month and nearly a third of the 105 cases for our county. It is clear that teens and young adults are the group that is being infected the most and increasing at the fastest rate in Wyoming as well as our county. While most of these cases are mild or asymptomatic they are still able to spread this virus to others especially older or more vulnerable family members and friends.

The most recent White House task force report, recommended increased caution and continued face masks for 10 Wyoming counties. Red zone counties reported were Albany, Campbell, Converse, Park, Sublette, Goshen and Big Horn counties. <https://publicintegrity.org/health/coronavirus-and-inequality/states-in-red-zone-for-coronavirus-cases-grow-to-26/>

What does this mean?

This should not cause alarm. We expected this and our upward trend is in line with other counties in the state. The statistics that indicated red zones were slightly skewed for Big Horn County due our small population.



What should we do?

This uptick should cause a prudent return to caution and proven methods of protection:

- a. TIME – Reducing our time of exposure to those who may be infected.
- b. DISTANCE – Maintaining social distancing at every opportunity.
- c. SHIELDING – Wearing face coverings as much as possible, especially when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- d. Frequent hand washing.

The State Public Health Orders have been extended through October 31, 2020 and have not changed from the previous orders that expired October 15th.

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Respectfully,
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Big Horn County Incident Management Team

