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Press Release
Gallatin County COVID-19 Update

As of Friday, March 27, 2020, at 5 p.m. Gallatin County has a total of 42 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Of those cases, zero patients in the county are hospitalized.

Information on the genders and age ranges of all of our positive cases can be found online provided by the State of Montana here:
https://montana.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=7c34f3412536439491adcc2103421d4b

All Gallatin County cases consist of community transmission, close contact, and travel related history.

This week, Governor Steve Bullock issued a directive to all Montanans requiring them to stay at home starting Saturday, March 28. That means staying at home as much as possible except for essential activities.

Those essential activities include things like movement necessary for health and safety, seeking medical care or picking up prescriptions, and when necessary, going to the grocery store for food or supplies. The public can also go to work if their job is considered an essential business or operation, and they can care for others who cannot otherwise complete essential tasks on their own. The governor’s order also allows the public to go outside to get exercise and fresh air, just so long as they are strictly maintaining physical distance from people with whom they do not live.

“All over our county and our state, our health care providers and emergency responders are sacrificing to serve us all,” said Matt Kelley, Health Officer for the Gallatin City-County Health Department. “My request to all of you is to think about those men and women going to work every day sacrificing for us. Please, make this sacrifice for them so we can slow the spread of this virus and buy time for those working so hard around the clock.”

The Gallatin City-County Health Department Call Center is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to answer questions about COVID-19. Reach the Call Center by phone at 406-548-0123 or email at callcenter@readygallatin.com.
The most accurate local source of information remains the GCCHD website https://www.healthygallatin.org/coronavirus-covid-19/.