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### Press Release

#### Gallatin County COVID-19 Update

As of Sunday, April 12, 2020, at 4:45 p.m. Gallatin County has a total of 138 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Of those cases, one patient in the county is currently 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.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued guidance recommending use of cloth face coverings while in public. What does this mean?

Activities in close proximity such as speaking, coughing or sneezing, can spread the virus. Wearing cloth face coverings may prevent people without symptoms from unknowingly spreading the virus.

The CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where social distancing is difficult to maintain (e.g. grocery stores, pharmacies).

**It is important to remember that wearing cloth face coverings DOES NOT not replace social distancing as a preventative measure, but may add additional protections when interaction is required.**

*Social distancing is still critical to slowing the spread of COVID-19. Stay home whenever possible, and remain 6 feet away from others when out in public.*

The cloth face coverings that are recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. These are critical supplies and should be reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders. If you do see someone wearing a medical-grade mask in public, be kind! Check your assumptions and trust that we are all doing our best. We're in this together and we'll get through this together!

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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](mailto:callcenter@readygallatin.com).

The most accurate local source of information remains the GCCHD website <https://www.healthygallatin.org/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

