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Press Release
Gallatin County COVID-19 Update

As of Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020, at 12 p.m. Gallatin County has three new confirmed cases of COVID-19, for a cumulative total of 1,015. There are 30 confirmed active cases and no current hospitalizations. There have been a total of 982 people recovered in Gallatin County. Three people have died from COVID-19 complications.

One case that was previously assigned to Gallatin County has been reassigned to another area.

More data can be found on Gallatin City-County Health Department’s dashboard on our website here. This dashboard will be updated by 12 p.m. daily. Information on statewide cases continue to be found here.

Please note that local data may differ from data about Gallatin County provided by the state as the Gallatin City-County Health Department may be alerted to additional cases before the state.

A recovered case means that a person who tested positive for COVID-19 has been released from isolation. It’s important to note that even when people are released from isolation, many continue to feel the effects of COVID-19 infection long after they are released from isolation.

The Gallatin City-County Health Department calculates the recovered case number as the number of total cases minus any active cases, current hospitalizations and deaths.

What is the difference between quarantine and isolation?

If you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, the Gallatin City-County Health Department will call you and ask you to self-quarantine at home for 14 days from the day that you were exposed. Learn more about quarantine: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html
If you are sick with COVID-19, plan to **self-isolate** until recovered. Self-isolation means staying at home in a room away from other people and pets, and using a separate bathroom, if possible. Learn more about isolation: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/duration-isolation.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/duration-isolation.html)

Staying at home helps keep your family, friends, and community safe. If you need support or assistance while in isolation or quarantine, the Gallatin City-County Health Department may be able to assist.

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.