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**Press Release**

**Gallatin County COVID-19 Update**

As of Friday, Aug. 21, 2020, at 12 p.m. Gallatin County has three new confirmed cases of COVID-19, for a cumulative total of 1,027. There are 22 confirmed active cases and no current hospitalizations. There have been a total of 1,002 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.

Although exercising outdoors is a great way to stay socially distant to reduce exposure to COVID-19, it can increase your risk for respiratory irritation when wildfire smoke affects air quality. Consider lower-intensity activities outdoors like a walk instead of a run, or workout indoors. [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/smoke-faq.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/smoke-faq.html)

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.