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Press Release
COVID-19 Deaths in Gallatin County

The Gallatin City-County Health Department is saddened to announce that two more Gallatin County residents have passed away from complications due to COVID-19.

The first person is a female in her 50s who passed away at her residence the week of January 2. The second was a male in his 80s who passed away at a long-term care facility the week of January 16. These deaths were found during a regular records reconciliation, and the Gallatin City-County Health Department received the official death certificates this week that attributed these deaths to COVID-19. Out of respect for these individuals' family and friends, no further details will be released. These latest deaths make for a total of 116 COVID-related deaths in Gallatin County. Statewide data reported by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services can be found here.

In Gallatin County, 62% of eligible residents are fully vaccinated. For additional details on vaccine metadata, click here. From April 1, 2021 to February 12, 2022, Gallatin County saw 561 hospitalizations who were positive for COVID-19. Of those, 439 individuals were unvaccinated or approximately 78%. From April 1, 2021 to February 11, 2022 statewide, MT DPHHS reported 1,479 deaths attributed to COVID-19. Of those deaths, 1,157 or 78% were unvaccinated.

You can find your COVID-19 vaccine at local pharmacies and through your primary care physician. It is highly recommended you make a plan to stay up to date with your COVID-19 vaccine which includes any booster doses when you are eligible, to help protect yourself and others.

Find up-to-date times, dates, and locations anywhere in Gallatin County on our website.

- **Gallatin City-County Health Department Clinics** - Click here to schedule an appointment.
  - Moderna (18+) and Pfizer (12+)
    - Friday, February 25 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
    - Friday, March 4 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
    - Friday, March 11 | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Pediatric Pfizer (5-11)
    - Thursday, February 24, 2022 | 12:30 to 4 p.m.
    - Thursday, March 3, 2022 | 12:30 to 4 p.m.
    - Thursday, March 10, 2022 | 12:30 to 4 p.m.

- **IF YOU ARE FEELING SICK - GET TESTED!** Click here to find a location nearest you to get tested!

In addition to vaccination, wearing a well-fitting mask, and washing your hands well continue to be recommended disease mitigation strategies. These strategies, coupled with testing and staying home when you are feeling sick, will help lessen the spread and the burden of disease transmission in our community.

The Gallatin City-County Health Department Call Center is open five days a week, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to answer questions about COVID-19. Any calls received after business hours will be returned the following business day. You can reach the Call Center by phone at 406-548-0123.

The most accurate local source of information remains the GCCHD website.