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Madison County Public Health COVID-19 Update

On March 16, 2021, Joe Brummell, Director of Emergency Services, reported 4 new positive COVID-19 cases. Madison County has had 716 confirmed positive cases with 705 recovered, 7 fatalities, and 47 cases have been hospitalized to date.

The State of Montana reported 102,344 coronavirus positive cases including 1,396 deaths at the time of this press release. Additional information concerning the State of Montana's COVID-19 cases can be found at: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/coronavirusmt/demographics>

At the Madison County Board of Health meeting on the evening of March 16, 2021, the Board voted and passed a motion to cancel the January 26, 2021, Mask Mandate effective at 12:01 March 17, 2021.

In addition, the Board voted and passed a motion to align with Governor Greg Gianforte's February 12, 2021, Directive implementing Executive Order 2-2021 concerning Madison County's Mask Mandate and Events/Gatherings over 50 people. The directive includes the following:

General Masking

Individual responsibility remains Montana's best tool to combat the spread of COVID-19. Montanans are encouraged to wear masks and should follow the best industry practices adopted by any business they visit to slow the spread of the virus.

Phased Reopening of Montana

The phased approach to reopening Montana is no longer in force.

Public Gatherings

Any public gatherings or events should be managed in a way that accommodates the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) social distancing guidelines.

Visit the Governor's website at: <https://governor.mt.gov/docs/Directives/Directive-2-12-2021-EO.pdf> for the complete directive.

Madison County Public Health Department is available during normal business hours by phone at 406.843.4295. For additional information concerning COVID-19, visit the Public Health's website at: <https://madisoncountymt.gov/230/Public-Health>

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