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## **Press Release**Gallatin County COVID-19 Update

As of Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 12 p.m. Gallatin County has two new confirmed cases of COVID-19, for a cumulative total of 176. There are 11 confirmed active cases and no current hospitalizations. There have been a total of 164 people recovered in Gallatin County. One person has died from COVID-19 complications.

The two new cases are located in the Gallatin Valley and are contacts to known cases.

Wastewater testing is ongoing at sites around Gallatin County, including in Bozeman, Big Sky, West Yellowstone and Three Forks. Results are posted on our website.

The most recent results show presence of COVID-19 in the wastewater in Bozeman (sample taken on June 5) and in West Yellowstone (sample taken on June 3). Wastewater samples gathered in Big Sky on June 9 showed possible presence of virus, but the results were not definitive and future testing will continue to monitor for presence of virus in the wastewater. The virus was not detected in the most recent sample in Three Forks (sample taken on June 6).

Wastewater testing indicates that we do have some level of disease present in the county. The wastewater sampling does not currently help us know how many people may be carrying the virus, but it does establish an important baseline from which to measure results later this summer and fall.

It is important to note that just because the virus was not detected in the samples, it doesn't mean the virus is not present at this time. There is still a lot we are learning about viral loads in wastewater and these data only capture wastewater going into larger systems, and not some of the other public wastewater systems or septic systems.

More COVID-19 data can be found on Gallatin City-County Health Department's dashboard on our website <a href="here">here</a>. This dashboard will be updated by 12 p.m. daily. Information on statewide cases continue to be found here.



Please note that local data on active cases may differ from the state map as the state map is only updated once daily and calculates active cases differently.

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.

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 <a href="mailto:callcenter@readygallatin.com">callcenter@readygallatin.com</a>.

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

