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Gallatin County COVID-19 Update

As of Friday, July 17, 2020, at 12 p.m. Gallatin County has 10 new confirmed cases of COVID-19, for a cumulative total of 561. There are 121 confirmed active cases. There have been a total of 439 people recovered in Gallatin County. One person has died from COVID-19 complications.

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.

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 data dashboard operated by the Gallatin City-County Health Department (GCCHD) has different numbers than the data dashboard operated by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS).

One reason is the timing of when the data is received. GCCHD typically receives information about the positive case first and is able to update the data more quickly. Once the case is entered into the Montana Infectious Disease Information System, the case is processed and reviewed by DPHHS. This review includes verification that the case is a resident of Gallatin County.

Additionally, cut off times are needed to appropriately manage data, so a case that is displayed on the GCCHD dashboard on one day may not be entered onto the DPHHS dashboard until the following day. GCCHD has chosen to include out-of-county and out-of-state residents who are isolated and recovering in Gallatin County in the case counts.

This is not to say that any one entity is incorrectly publishing the data, it merely explains how the data is obtained at the local level and shared to the state level.

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](#).

