



Masks Now Required in Fergus County

COVID-19 Update: August 10, 2020: The Central Montana Health District is reporting the following confirmed cases of COVID-19, bringing the number of active cases to four in Fergus County and one in Musselshell County. Current active cases are:

- Four active cases in Fergus County
 - One in an 80-89-year-old female;
 - One in a 50-59-year-old female;
 - One in a 10-19-year-old female;
 - One in a 10-19-year-old male.
- One active case in Musselshell County in an 50-59-year-old male.

Contact investigations are ongoing, and anyone identified as a contact will be notified by a public health nurse. This is a cumulative total of 29 cases with 24 people recovered within the six counties of Central Montana Health District.

With four active cases in Fergus County, the county is under a mandatory masking order as issued by Governor's Directive on 07/15/2020. This directive states that "all businesses, government offices, or other persons responsible for indoor spaces open to the public shall require and take reasonable measures to ensure that all employees, contractors, volunteers, customers, or other members of the public wear a face covering that covers their mouth and nose at all times while entering or remaining in any indoor spaces open to the public."

The Directive also instructs businesses, government agencies, and all other persons responsible for indoor spaces that:

- Face coverings shall be provided for all employees and volunteers.
- All points of entry open to the public shall have a clearly visible sign posted stating: "Mask or face covering use required for ages five and older."

Specific information on the masking directive is available at:

<https://covid19.mt.gov/Masks-and-Face-Coverings>

CMHD reminds all residents that, because there is no cure for COVID-19, it is more important than ever to practice social distancing of at least 6 feet. Even those counties not under a masking directive should wear a cloth face covering whenever going out in public. COVID-19 disease is spread through direct contact with someone who has COVID-19, especially when they cough or sneeze.

Due to changes in the Montana disease reporting system, residents wanting more information and more current data are encouraged to go to the Central Montana Health District website: www.centralmontanahealthdistrict.org