



## COVID-19 IMT

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### News Release

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### **Carbon County Board of Health recommends masking in public**

**Carbon County, MT-** On July 3, 2020, the Carbon County Board of Health issued a statement recommending face coverings for all customers and employees in indoor public places where social distancing of at least 6 feet cannot be assured. This well proven tool to decrease the spread of COVID-19 is needed considering the recent surge in cases in neighboring counties and expected increase of visitors beginning with our Fourth of July holiday.

Dr. Bill George, Carbon County Public Health Officer, said, “Many businesses have asked for help directing their customers to wear masks. More restrictive mandates are being discussed statewide and locally. Considering the daily record number of cases in areas where most of our visitors reside, PLEASE consider creating a sign for your business notifying all customers that you are following this advisory.”

At the time of this press release, Carbon County has 10 active COVID-19 cases, bringing the total confirmed positive COVID-19 cases to 28. All positive tests are isolated and contacts have been notified and are quarantined. There are no active hospitalizations in the County. Montana has seen a dramatic increase in the number of confirmed positive cases since the middle of June and neighboring Yellowstone County leads the state in the number of active cases.

Wearing a face covering or mask in public places has been determined by the CDC to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and is most likely to reduce the spread when

coverings are widely used by everyone in public settings. Details can be found at CarbonAlert.org. For general information on COVID-19, visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or [covid19.mt.gov](https://www.covid19.mt.gov)

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