

Lewistown Community Covid-19 Collaborative

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- The Central Montana Health District, Fergus County Office of Disaster and Emergency Services, Central Montana Medical Center, SCL Health, and One Health along with Lewistown Public Schools would like to commend the Lewistown and Central Montana Community!
- Your cooperation with masking, social distancing, and good hygiene practices have been working to slow the spread of Covid-19. **Our ongoing efforts during the pandemic will continue to be very important!**
 - Currently in Central Montana the rate of illness from all causes has decreased!
 - Hospitalizations from Covid-19 at CMMC are down at this time!
 - Attendance rates at Lewistown Public Schools have been great with over 93% attendance K-12!
- Lewistown Public Schools has been pleasantly surprised after evaluating our Winter Assessments by not only making up for any learning loss during the pandemic but showing significant **GAINS** in academic progress!
- Vaccination is currently in Phase 1B in Montana. As of February 10th, approximately 41,500 Montanans have been fully vaccinated with the Covid-19 Vaccine, and almost 15,000 total doses have been given!
- Montana Senate Bill 65 was signed into law which protects businesses and entities from lawsuits if someone catches Covid-19 on their premises. This ensures protection against liability **if reasonable and responsible measures to follow public health guidelines and proper precautions are in place.**
- Governor Gianforte has lifted the statewide mask mandate, and instead plans to rely on Montanans to exercise personal responsibility to look out for one another. Public Health Guidelines have not changed-**Masking, Social Distancing, Hygiene and Sanitation continue to be effective measures!**
- Local public health jurisdictions, businesses, and other entities can make their own policies regarding masking rules in their location or on their properties.
- Lewistown Public Schools, CMMC, One Health, and SCL would like to make it very clear that **masks will still be required** in all buildings and at all school events.
- We believe the mask mandate has proven to be an effective tool in mitigating the virus in our community, and protects the health of our staff, patients, and students. This will enable us to provide as much in-person direct instruction and in person healthcare with fewer quarantines during the pandemic.
- Continuing with the measures that are working will be vital to the ongoing success in curtailing the virus!

We live in a great Community! Let's work together!!