



## Administrator's Report July 28, 2022

### General Hospital District Information Update

**COVID -19 State and Local Update:** The Hospital's COVID-19 Outbreak status was closed on Friday, July 22, 2022.

**DPHHS Survey:** Surveyors arrived in the facility on Monday July 25, 2022. They continue to survey and collect data f in regard to our COVID outbreak, infection control policies and patient care. It has so far resulted in updates and changes to our infection control plan, policies and procedures. Although the district shared the latest CDC guidelines on masking by HCP, the State did not interpret the guideline in the same way and the District has returned to full mask requirement for all HCP and patients/visitors at all times. Anyone entering will see additional signage on all access points as a reminder to mask up before entering.

**Vaccines:** On July 13, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, for the prevention of COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older. The Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, is administered as a two-dose primary series, three weeks apart. Overall, the vaccine was 90.4% effective in preventing mild, moderate or severe COVID-19. The side effect profile is similar to other COVID vaccines.

**Therapeutics:** In regard to the oral therapeutic Paxlovid, on July 6, the [FDA revised the EUA](#) to let pharmacists prescribe and dispense PAXLOVID to eligible patients without them seeing a doctor or other clinician for evaluation.

As of today, Granite County has **3** active cases.

There were **2,320** new confirmed cases in Montana as of July 22, 2022

According to the Montana Response map:

- 294,340 Total cases from Montana
- 2,199 Active cases in Montana (June=1269)
- 109 Active Hospitalizations (June=87)
- 3,467 Deaths (June=3,444)

In regard to vaccinations, Granite County dropped to **39%** and Montana dropped to **53%** of its eligible population fully vaccinated

### MonkeyPox:

**Current Status:** On July 23, 2022, The World Health Organization declared the monkeypox outbreak a public health emergency of international concern. The monkeypox outbreak is largely among men who have sex with men and have multiple sexual partners. There are more than 16,000 cases globally and according to the Centers for Disease Control, 2,891 cases have been confirmed in the U.S. "Monkeypox has spread around the world and we

will continue to take decisive action to tackle it both here in the U.S. and, working in concert with our partners abroad, globally,” said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last week announced a streamlined process to obtain and use tecovirimat to treat monkeypox, and will be updating clinicians on the process.

Activities /Life Enrichment: No Report  
Business Department/ Revenue Cycle Team: No Report  
Central Supply: No Report  
Clinics: No Report  
Dietary: No Report

**Grants:** Recently I received notification that our grant application for GCHD was approved. This grant supports the establishment of a Community Health Worker to serve our County members. CHWs are frontline health workers who perform a variety of duties at the paraprofessional level to engage, advocate, and educate community members in overall health and wellness. They are a liaison between health and social services and the community to facilitate access and improve health outcomes by increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency. I have reached out the Healthy Granite County Network’s grant coordinator, Kayla Sanders, to take the lead on this project and a posting for this position is up and hopefully will yield an excellent candidate to fill this role.

Emergency Preparedness: No Report  
Environmental Services: No Report

**Human Resources:**

- **Our open positions include;**  
2 Night Shift Charge Nurses  
2 CNAs  
1 per diem Housekeeping  
1 part time Cook

IT: No Report  
Laboratory: No Report  
Marketing: No Report

**Maintenance / Transportation:**

- Pierce Flooring’s has scheduling our flooring replacement to begin August 22, 2022.

**Medical Staff:**

- New Credentials: None
- Temporary Privileges: None
- Re-credentialed Providers: Dr. Stephen R. Preece, MD  
Dr. Syed A Akbar
- Resignations: None

**Nursing:**

- **June Patient Census**  
ER Visits = 39  
Intermediate Swing Bed (LTC) = 22  
Acute billable days = 7 (3)

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Swing Bed billable days = 22 (3)

Adult Day Care Visits = 0

Observation Days = 2

Outpatient Nurse Visit = 6

Deaths = 1

**Physical Therapy**

June had a total: 134 Visits

Outpatient: 118

Acute Inpatient: 3

Swing Bed: 13

LTC: 3

**Radiology:**

- We completed 9 scans in June, 16 so far in July.
- The Annual Physicist evaluation of the CT scanner is scheduled for August 2, 2022

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria Stoppler CEO/DON