



Administrator's Report March 29, 2022

General Hospital District Information Update

COVID -19 State and Local Update:

Testing: GCHD received an additional 450 At-Home Covid-19 test kits. They are available to our community members through our Philipsburg and Drummond clinics. Testing volumes have really dropped off in our laboratory, with this increased access to an at home testing option.

Vaccines: Booster vaccines remain available through our Philipsburg Clinic, however demand is significantly diminished.

BA.2 subvariant:

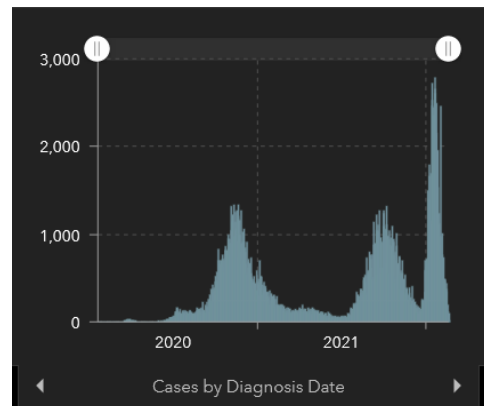
- BA.2 subvariant of Omicron is being monitored. As of March 19, the subvariant accounted for nearly 35% of COVID-19 cases in the U.S., a roughly 12% increase from the week prior, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Symptoms are similar to Omicron and the severity profile is still being determined.

As of this morning, Granite County has **1** active case and a total of 8 deaths since the start of the pandemic.

There were **59** new confirmed cases in Montana yesterday.

According to the Montana Response map:

- 272,509 Total cases from Montana
- 342 Active cases in Montana (Feb=3,690)
- 32 Active Hospitalizations (Feb=197)
- 3,246 Deaths (Jan=3,105)



According to the Montana Response map:

Granite County remains at **39%** and Montana is at 55% of its eligible population fully vaccinated.

Activities /Life Enrichment:

- I would like to announce and congratulate Shirley Cornelius, our previous Director she has taken the role as Receptionist and chosen Rachael Johnson as our new Activities Director. Rachael comes to us with years of experience in enriching the lives of our geriatric population. She was previously the Director of Activities in Anaconda and we are quite fortunate to have her join our team.
- Early in February they painted on canvas. It was interesting and the technique was quite fun. This one they will do again soon.
- They made a few flower pots the following week.

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- Our Valentine's Day Party was on the 10th. Children from Drummond and Philipsburg brought handmade cards for everyone. While reading Valentines they shared some sweet treats and had a fun afternoon looking at the cards.
- The Birthday Party was on the 16th. There were many Birthdays to celebrate in February. They had cupcakes and cake more than once in the month.
- A big Thank You to IT - They now can watch Netflix movies in the dining room. It's more comfortable as they can be at a table with drinks and snacks while they watch the movie. And if the deer show up in the courtyard, it's an added bonus.

Business Department/ Revenue Cycle Team: Yellowstone Insurance is pleased to announce that Granite County Hospital District's has been allocated a distribution from the Subscriber's Savings Account ("SSA") effective March 15, 2022, in the amount of \$1,805.92.

Central Supply: No Report

Clinics: No Report

Dietary: No Report

Grants: No Report

Emergency Preparedness: No Report

Environmental Services: No Report

Human Resources: Our open positions include;

- 1 Director of Nursing: 2 applications were received recently, however they only had experience in long term care, so would not be proficient in the ER or acute care
- 1 CT Tech,
- 1 per diem Housekeeping
- 1 on call Maintenance
- 1 full time cook.
- 2 Night Shift Charge Nurse positions are being considered by our 2 current travelers.
- Our 4 CNA positions have been filled with the full time hire of a previous part timer and 3 travel CNAs that are converting to permanent staff once their contracts are completed.

IT:

- Plans have been expedited for implementation of security improvements discussed in our last SRA review. The first move was to tighten up our remote access service with some geo-location restrictions and then to implement 2FA. Another temporary restriction will be to move to an internet White List, allowing access only to declared sites and to prohibit the use of outside email services (such as yahoo, google, ms domains, et-cetera) on GCMC workstations. These are very restrictive, measures however they are justified in light of the current situation.
- The current economic climate is causing sudden and erratic price/cost jumps in some of our inventory expenses. This poses a problem for keeping the chargemaster up to date so that the facility does not sustain a financial loss. IT believe there is a way to apply statistical "intelligence" to some areas of pricing in the Chargemaster to preempt or reduce the risk of running a net loss. This is something that SAP (systems applications and products in data processing) and other services do for companies. IT will explore this option and report back. In the time being, the plan is for central supply to have access into the Chargemaster in order to update pricing as they are notified of changes.

Laboratory: Our current lab director has resigned. We welcomed Connie Hamm as our new Lab Director. She has been our per diem lab technician for the past few years and brings a wealth of expertise, professionalism and clinical experience to our team. Please join me in welcoming Connie.

Maintenance / Transportation: No Report

Marketing: No Report

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Medical Staff:

- New Credentials:
- Temporary Privileges: None
- Re-credentialed Providers: None
- Resignations: Dr. Bao Nguyen effective 3/1/2022.
Dr. Joseph Trudeau effective 3/25/2022

Nursing:

• **February Patient Census**

ER Visits	= 30	Observation Days	= 0
Intermediate Swing Bed (LTC)	= 18	Outpatient Nurse Visit	= 0
Swing Bed billable days	= 9 (2)	Deaths	= 0
Acute billable days	= 5 (3)		
Adult Day Care Visits	= 0		

Physical Therapy:

February had a total:	72Visits	Swing Bed:	3
Outpatient:	63	LTC:	5
Acute Inpatient:	1		

Radiology:

- We completed 1 scan in February. With many CT’s and xrays missed due to lack of staffing.
- Radiology coverage was very limited in February with the Director moving to Wyoming and our one tech on vacation until March 2nd. We had a candidate hired and scheduled to start March 21st, however she was a no show. Recruitment efforts resumed and there are three scheduled interviews this week.
- The X Ray Equipment has been installed and is operation, but we are still waiting on last minute items to be completed.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Stoppler CEO/DON