



Administrator's Report October 25, 2022

General Hospital District Information Update

COVID -19 State and Local Update: The Granite County Covid-19 community level is considered medium at this time, with 3 new cases and a rate of 88.78 per 100,000. The Hospital recently had 2 LTC resident test positive. One patient had been transferred to another facility for other health reasons and tested positive at the other facility. All staff and residents were tested at that time and were negative. Another resident later tested positive, and the positive resident and their roommate were quickly isolated and strict infection control measures were implemented to control transmission. A temporary barrier was again created in the hall to isolate a section of the wing from other residents and inpatients. Families, Public Health and the State were notified. All staff and residents were tested and are being monitored.

As of 10/21, Granite County has 3 new cases and 2 active cases. There were **950** new confirmed cases in Montana last week.

According to the Montana Response map:

- 313,809 Total cases in Montana
- 1,122 Active cases in Montana
- 73 Active Hospitalizations
- 3,569 Deaths

Vaccines: We have Moderna bivalent vaccine available. The [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent](#) is authorized for use as single booster dose in **individuals 18 years of age and older**. A bivalent COVID-19 booster dose can be co-administered with other vaccines, including a flu shot.

As reported last month the bivalent COVID-19 booster was produced because the BA.4/BA.5 strains of the omicron variant are currently causing the most cases of COVID-19 in the United States. These strains are predicted to circulate heavily this fall and winter.

Vaccination rates remain unchanged, Granite County remains at **39%** and Montana at 53% of its eligible population fully vaccinated. We have begun Covid vaccinations with the bivalent vaccine and will be running a vaccination clinic tomorrow.

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MonkeyPox:

- **Current Status:** There have now been 7 cases of monkeypox identified in Montana, in Flathead, Cascade, Gallatin, Hill, Lake and Missoula counties. That is an increase of 2 cases since last month's report. There have been 27,884 [confirmed](#) monkeypox cases across the U.S., according to the CDC. That is an increase of almost 3,000 cases since last month. Globally, there have been more than 75,000 cases. According to the World Health Organization, the monkeypox outbreak has been declared a public health emergency of international concern.

Hospital/LTC:

In the month of October the residents have gone on a couple outings, one being to Moose Lake and the other to the Ranch at Rock Creek loop. Jay continues to come every Tuesday to play music for the residents. We had a hairstylist come and provide hair services for the residents that wanted their hair done. We purchased lots of candy and the residents have created candy bags for the elementary school children parade on Halloween. We have a family and resident Thanksgiving dinner planned on November 17th, and are encouraging resident families to come have a Thanksgiving dinner with us. We have recently been busy planning for the festival of trees event as well. We are preparing to decorate a tree and take some of the residents to the event in December. Each and every day we are actively doing many things to make sure each and every one of the residents needs and wants are met. We continue to provide Beauty day, Bingo, parachute, 1 to1 visits, card games, board games, daily exercises and many other activities that make a big difference in our resident's lives.

Business Department/Revenue Cycle Team:

Central Supply: Work is continuing to update our chargemaster and eventually be uploaded into Jumpstock, an application of Athena to charge and track supplies.

Clinics: We recently purchased an audiometer and will be starting to perform pre-employment physicals and urine drug screens for businesses.

Dietary: Dietary has been experiencing several equipment issues. Our new steam table suffered an electrical problem and was not functional. We have ordered 4 steam pans until we are able to get a replacement table that will be covered under warranty. We also continue to have issues with the walk in refrigerator/freezer. A down payment has been made toward an upgrade, which will include new evaporators, compressors, seals and electrical. The walk in will basically be refurbished except for the refrigeration box itself. We hope to have this project completed with the next couple of weeks barring issues in obtaining equipment and parts.

Emergency Preparedness: We participated in the Great Montana Shake Out on October 20th. This was a statewide earthquake drill that families, schools, businesses and hospitals could all participate in to prepare for an actual earthquake or disaster to test preparedness. GCMC had 4 employees participate as actors in the drill complete with makeup effects. This allowed our providers, nursing staff and all ancillary staff to participate in a more realistic scenario. Providers and nursing staff worked together to triage and treat the acting patients, while other staff worked as support to obtain blankets and gurneys, start the call tree, assist incident command and to help move and transport patients as needed. This was a great learning experience for all involved.

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Environmental Services: No Report

IT: We have a couple of IT projects in the works. We are still working on our on-going Jumpstock project. We are also implementing a required ELR Registry for our laboratory. Dave is working to implement the connectivity with the state server. We will also be implementing a new camera security system soon.

Laboratory: Our lab received a new refrigerator this month. It is a very nice unit and much needed upgrade to the old refrigerator, which was a very basic, household style. The new ThermoScientific refrigerator is nearly twice as large and equipped with glass doors, which makes it very nice for organizing and locating lab supplies quickly.

Marketing: A marketing team member attended our earthquake disaster drill and took photos. They will be displayed on social media soon. We also have had pictures of many of our new team members taken and will be featuring them on social media as well.

Human Resources:

Open positions:

- 1-Drummond Environmental Services-Part Time
- 1-Board Clerk
- 1-RN Charge Nurse Nights
- 5-CNA 3 day shift, 2 night shift
- 1-Medical Assitant – Drummond Clinic
- 1-Mid level provider - Part time
- 1-Mid level provider – Full time

We regret to announce that Eddie Amberg has resigned to take a full-time ER position elsewhere. We wish Eddie the best in his new endeavor. We are excited to announce that Ron Hamm PA-C has been hired as a full-time provider. Ron is an excellent addition to our team and will provide exceptional care in our clinic and hospital at GCMC and will also be a provider in Drummond as we expand our clinic days.

We are happy to report that we are now fully staffed in dietary and environmental services at the hospital! We are also fully staffed in radiology, plus a per-diem radiology/CT tech that just started. We have hired a maintenance engineering director and another per-diem staff member in the same department. Shannon Martell, our new Community Health Worker will be starting within the next week and we are very much looking forward to having her join our team!

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Maintenance / Transportation:

We have completed construction of a new pharmacy area near the Emergency Room. It is a well-organized space with our own medication disposal area. We will begin refurbishing the refrigerator/freezer soon, as mentioned before.

Medical Staff:

- New Credentials: None
- Temporary Privileges: None
- Re-credentialed Providers: David Bass, MD
Dishant Shah, MD
- Resignations: Eddie Amberg PA-C

Nursing:

• **September Patient Census**

ER Visits	= 33	Swing Bed billable days	= 0
Intermediate Swing Bed (LTC)	= 21	Observation Days	= 1
Acute billable days	= 1		
Adult Day Care Visits	= 0	Deaths	= 0

Physical Therapy

August had a total:	65 Visits
Outpatient:	61
Acute Inpatient:	0
Swing bed:	0
LTC:	4

Radiology: We completed 14 CT scans in September

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