



## Administrator's Report August 31, 2021

### General Hospital District Information Update:

### COVID -19 State and Local Update:

- The FDA and CDC's independent Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), recently voted to recommend an additional dose of Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines for immunocompromised individuals.; including those with organ transplants, those undergoing cancer treatment or having HIV or those with compromised immune systems. This additional dose should match the dose type of the mRNA vaccine in the primary series. The additional dose of vaccine should be administered at least 28 days after completion of the primary vaccine series. This is an additional dose for persons in whom their immune response may have been suppressed following the first two doses. Immunocompromised individuals who are recommended to receive an additional dose of vaccine will self-attest their immunocompromised status to reduce barriers to vaccination. Due to insufficient data, the EUA amendment for an additional dose does not apply to the J&J vaccine or to individuals who received the J&J vaccine as their primary series.
- The Food and Drug Administration last week, granted full approval for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for individuals age 16 and over. The vaccine, which will now be marketed as Comirnaty, is the first COVID-19 vaccine to go beyond emergency use status in the United States. The vaccine continues to be available under emergency use authorization, for individuals ages 12 through 15 and for the administration of a third dose in certain immunocompromised individuals.
- As early as mid-September, **Pending approval** by the FDA and the ACIP, the Biden administration is expected to recommend an additional dose of mRNA COVID vaccine to the general public, eight months after receiving their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna.
- President Biden announced August 18<sup>th</sup>, he was ordering the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to require all nursing home employees be vaccinated in order to receive Medicare and Medicaid funding from the federal programs. The vaccination requirement would be the first time the federal government has implemented any type of vaccination requirement besides those for [federal government employees](#). It remains uncertain if this will be formally mandated and if GCMC, as a Critical Access Hospital will be included.

As of Thursday last week, Granite County has 13 active case. With several additional sick families still refusing to be tested.

According to the Montana Response map last week:

- 124,278 Total cases from Montana
- 118,396 Cases Recovered
- 4,109 Active cases in Montana (More than X4)
- 241 Active Hospitalizations (More than X3)
- 1,773 Deaths (up 74)

According to the Montana Response map last week:

Granite County has administered 2,229 doses of vaccine, with 35% (up 1%) of the population fully immunized.

- 50% of Montanans Fully vaccinated. (Up 2%)
- 934,039 Total vaccine doses administered in Montana
- 458,497 Total Montanans fully immunized

#### **Activities /Life Enrichment:**

- We celebrated July 4<sup>th</sup> with a BBQ potluck for staff and patients. It was a nice day so we sat under the Gazebo. Our kitchen staff grilled hamburgers and hotdogs and there were many sides to enjoy, with apple pie and ice cream.
- Our Destination Club Leader plans our Wednesday Field Trips and we continue going to some wonderful nearby places. “Where are we going this time?” and “Can I go too?” are the usual questions from our patients
- Jay Martin and Ed Johnson continue to play music for us. It’s heartwarming when you can hear our patients singing along.

Business Department/ Revenue Cycle Team: No Report

Central Supply: No Report

**Clinics:** Today was Ashley Westphal’s last day. We all wish her every success in the future and deeply appreciate her years of dedication and service to the District and our patients. She will be missed. Several candidates have interviewed and final decisions are expected very soon.

Dietary: No Report

Grants: No Report

Emergency Preparedness: No Report

Environmental Services: No Report

**Human Resources:** Openings included one night nurse, and five CNA’s. One of our past nurses rejoined our team and we have hired another RN who will start in late September. We have also hired a per diem CNA to fill as her schedule allows.

IT: No Report

Laboratory: No Report

Maintenance / Transportation: No Report

**Marketing:** Ad campaigns continue to target COVID-19 vaccine promotion, accessing telehealth, as well as staff recruitment and current healthcare observances.

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**Medical Staff:**

- New Credentials: Dr. Justin Clark, MD
- Re-credentialed Providers: Dr. Shah Shree, MD  
Dr. Jared Bailey, MD
- Resignations: Dr. Kyle Henneberry effective Friday August 6, 2021

**Nursing:** The Director of Nursing (DON) position has been posted. Applications are currently being reviewed.

**July Patient Census**

Intermediate Swing Bed (LTC)	= 17
Swing Bed billable days	= 0
Acute billable days	= 8 (3)
Observation Days	= 0
Outpatient Nurse Visit	=
Adult Day Care Visits	= 0
Deaths	= 0
ER Visits	= 58

**Physical Therapy:**

July had a total:	80 Visits
Outpatient:	79
Acute Inpatient:	0
Swing Bed:	0
LTC:	1

**Radiology:**

- The annual evaluation of our CT scanner by Health Physics Northwest was performed on August 2, 2021. No issues were identified.
- We completed 16 CT Scans in July.
- As we have discussed several times previously, we have been having issues with the HVAC maintaining temperature control. Dale from Cool Zone, has determined the root cause of all our previous issue with the unit. There is a Freon leak in the condenser cores. This can not be repaired and the unit must be replaced. This has been an ongoing issue from the start and is clearly a manufacturer defect, covered under warranty. US Modular is aware and has been instructed to proceed in ordering a replacement unit right away.
- In follow up of the radiology renovation project; HVAC and electrical are currently being installed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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