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**Advisory #54
 Unemployment and Vaccination Update**

Unemployment stats updated for 3/6/21 show a decrease from the 4 week average in both initial and continued claims in Madison, Gallatin and Park Counties. Note that I've added prior year continued claims for perspective.

Unemployment 3/6/21	Initial Claims	Prior Week 4-Week Average	Continued Claims	Prior Week 4-Week Average	Prior Year 3/7/21
Madison County	13	10	134	157	58
Gallatin County	142	209	1738	2095	717
Park County	29	330	403	469	158

Through 3/19/21, Gallatin County has given first doses to 55% of the 1B group, and 27% of the combined 1B/1B+ group. 20% of the entire eligible 16+ population had been vaccinated. Last week, Gallatin received a small increase of vaccine for a total of 2,840 doses.

Less than 15% of Park County residents have been fully vaccinated. Last week they received 800 doses and don't anticipate an increase in the coming weeks. On April 1st, when all residents over 16 are eligible, Park County will prioritize those that are front line workers such as restaurant, hospitality and grocery store workers. The county has been receiving the Moderna vaccine, which is approved for those 18 and older.

These figures do not include the federal allocations such as the pharmacies.